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The Bridge to Plenty

THAT is not the real name of the book. Its true name is *The Road to Plenty**, but in our judgment no such road exists, nor can exist, until Satan has been bound and his whole crowd have gone down in ruin in Armageddon; nevertheless this book by William T. Foster and Waddill Catchings would do something to help matters for a time.

The book is an account of an imaginary conversation between various types of men in the smoking room of a Pullman. They consider at length why it is that "even in Massachusetts a fourth of the old people are making hopeless efforts to live decently and comfortably on less than four hundred dollars a year and such meager aid as they get from relatives and charity".

These men marvel that in a country bursting with riches half of the families in the great city of Philadelphia have no bathtubs at all or share them with other families, while four out of five farmhouses have no bathtubs, and nine out of ten of them have no running water, or electric lights, or motor trucks.

They note that the average annual wage of industrial workers is no more than nineteen hundred dollars, which amount "barely covers the needs of a family for food, clothing, shelter, and ordinary sickness: it leaves nothing for extraordinary hard luck, nothing for vacations, insurance, travel, education, or old age", and they ponder over the curious fact that with conditions like this confronting them "there are no pains too great for mankind to take to avoid the trouble of thinking". One of the oddest things about it all is that the average man bitterly resents the suggestion that he should reason his way down to the foundations of Satan's rotten empire, economic, religious, or political.

One of the speakers points out that "there is

something puzzling about a world in which a bumper cotton crop is regarded as a national calamity", while another remarks that "nearly everybody wants more of the good things of life: I know thousands that are suffering for want of more even in these prosperous times: and we were never so well equipped to produce more. Yet all along the road today we have seen closed factories: and right now millions of workers are without jobs, or on part time, because they have produced too much".

The Vicious Spirals

The book, of course, has its hero, the man who understands economics. He points out that there are two vicious spirals. In the vicious spiral of inflation, "People rush into the markets and try to buy more goods than the markets afford. Business booms. So manufacturers pay more wages, make more goods, build more equipment, place orders further ahead, and speculate in commodities, all of which causes a further rise in prices, a further expansion of industry, and so on."

In the vicious spiral of deflation, "Goods were piling up on the shelves and prices falling." "Things went from bad to worse. The movement did not correct itself, because falling prices usually are so discouraging that business men discharge workers, reduce wages, curtail output, postpone additions to plant, buy only from hand to mouth, and keep down their inventories, all of which causes a further fall in consumer income and a further fall in prices. That leads, naturally, to a further retrenchment of business, a further fall in wages and dividends, a further fall in prices, and so on."

Certain facts are set forth to which all will agree: that "we have abundant production facilities: there is no lack of savings": "nearly every industry is oversupplied with savings. In some cases the excess capacity is notorious—

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textiles, coal, tires, iron, steel, shoes, cotton, corn, wheat, fruit," and nearly all industries are now equipped to increase the output of the very goods which the people want.

As one of the speakers put it, "The war taught us that, after it had thrown industry into confusion and taken four million workers away from their jobs, the workers who were left produced enough to supply all the wealth which was sunk at sea and blown up in battle, enough to supply our own Army and Navy and millions of people abroad, and enough more to enable the people at home to enjoy at least as high a standard of living as before the war."

The hero sums up the situation as follows: "Machines, materials, men, and money in superabundance: hungry mouths to feed and every means of feeding them: willing hands to work and plenty to work with. Now, the question is, why could no immediate means be found of letting this stupendous wealth of machines, materials, men, and money go on with the world's work?" "We are wasting our savings, whereas it is only in so far as we use savings that we make progress."

All hands in the party agree that there is no lack of desire for more of the good things of life and that "even in our prosperous country, most of the people would be much better off if they had more wealth". Let the one who reads this judge for himself whether he could make good use of a greater revenue. All hands also agreed that "we cannot have a plenty unless we create a plenty".

Why Production is Restricted

Nobody can deny the self-evident proposition that "the only reason the business world does not produce more is because it can not sell more. Lack of markets is the trouble. We never produce a plenty for fear of producing too much". Nor can anybody deny that the buying of wage-earners increases about as rapidly as their incomes.

"The very fact that we cannot get rid of what we make, even in these prosperous years, without persuading the people to mortgage their incomes further and further into the future, seems to show that the flow of money to people who want to buy goods does not keep pace with the flow of the goods."

The proposition naturally follows "that we cannot hope to use our capital savings or our

labor continuously at any approach to capacity, unless individual incomes, week in and week out, are such that the people buy all the finished products of home industry, or the equivalent in imports, about as rapidly as they are ready for sale".

In other words, the standard of living of the people must be raised, if business is to be prosperous, but if savings are to be made, out of which shall come yet further improvements in the standard of living, for an ever increasing number of people, there must be an increase in the volume of money available to consumers. "The question is not whether a rising standard of living requires a growing volume of money, but how the growth is to be brought about at the right rate." The Federal Reserve System does this important service for the producers, but there is no machinery in existence at present for doing it for the consumers.

Advance Payments to Consumers

When wages are paid out to the workers who build factories, railroads and machines, to those who supply tools and materials, and to those who do the transporting, insuring and financing, most of it is paid out and spent by consumers before the facilities under construction are ready to supply the markets with goods. These wages are advance payments, and "these advance payments, paid in anticipation of the sale of goods which have not yet been produced, add to the demand for goods without for the time being adding to the supply of goods".

It thus follows that "as long as the building of new factories, railroads, telephone lines, and so on, brings about a sufficient expansion of money in circulation, the markets for the products of the old capital facilities are brisk enough to keep business prosperous". "In order to enable the people to buy the output of our present facilities, we have to build new ones: and then, in order that the people may buy the output of the new ones, we have to build more new ones."

An illustration of this truth is seen in the development and use of the automobile. "A single industry, non-existent a generation ago, now pays people enough money to enable them to buy the country's total output of bread and, in addition, the total output of woolen, worsted, and silk goods." Because of this new industry billions have been invested in automobile plants,

and other billions in iron, steel, plate glass, lumber, copper, paint, oil, tires, garages, filling stations, automobile freight cars; and this has helped things all around.

Now comes the point of the book, and that is that when the government spends money for public works it adds to the income of consumers and thus helps where help is most needed. What the government should therefore do is to put "more money into consumers' hands when business is falling off, and less money when inflation is under way". The government would thus, by its acts, in paying off government debts, building public works, etc., check both of the vicious spirals of inflation and deflation, and keep things running more smoothly. "A decline of business, however initiated, cannot develop into a depression if consumer income is sufficiently sustained." "If the new policy succeeded, it would necessitate constant increases in the volume of money in circulation: but the time would come when no further increases would be possible, without abandoning either the gold standard or the present gold reserve ratio."

The plan proposed in *The Road to Plenty* "calls for a separate Federal Board, which shall itself gather and measure the data best adapted to show the adequacy of the flow of consumer income, using, however, for its own purposes, the wealth of data gathered by other agencies. Having thus collected the needed information, the Board shall advise the Government how to use it as a guide in all fiscal matters. The Board itself, guided in the same way, shall determine when certain expenditures are to be made, which already have been provided for by Congress, under a policy of long-range planning of public works. Thus the Board, both through its own acts and its published reason for its acts, will provide private business with the needed leadership". "Public works built in that way might actually cost the country nothing: for if they were not built, the country might lose more than the cost, through the idleness of men and of capital savings." "When production is far below capacity, and many workers are unemployed because demand for their products is insufficient, it is far better for the Government to spend money on public works than to use the money to pay debts."

A Touching Soliloquy

That the authors of *The Road to Plenty* are

men of tender hearts, and that they are really in earnest in trying to find a way out of the present economic impasse, is very plain from the following touching soliloquy, which we quote in full. It may be added that others have been touched by this book, and that some of its suggestions seem to have come to the favorable attention of President Hoover. References to the opinions of Foster and Catchings are now quite common in the metropolitan press.

Through the dusty window, the Little Gray Man saw a line of trudging workers stretching from the factory gates all the way down the ugly street. Another day's work done, he thought, and tomorrow there will be another, and the next day another. And beyond that, what? Endless anxiety, even for most of those who, by a special good fortune which they dare not hope for, actually do hold their jobs. How many of them, he wondered, if they had the choice to make tonight, would care to live over a day like the one now ending? How many of them, if they knew what the coming days had in store for them, would have the heart to go on?

Through the city the train flew: past row upon row of dreary factory dwellings: and on and on into the country.

Down through a field, toward a dilapidated barn and a still more dilapidated house, came a farmer, leading a pair of horses. "The plowman homeward plods his weary way," thought the Gray Man.

Yes, and truly "leaves the world to darkness and to me."

For some time, clouds had been piling up in the west. Now the Gray Man observed the sky was as murky as the factory dwellings, as murky, almost, as his own spirit.

Soon the rain began to beat on the windows. He watched the drops as they gathered in little streams, wavered their way down the dirty panes, and were shaken off into space. Like himself—appearing suddenly out of the unknown, following for a moment an aimless course, buffeted hither and thither, and then, suddenly, off again into the unknown. What was it all about? What did it all matter? What did anything matter?

Useless, he thought, for me to allow myself to be crushed under the burdens of thousands upon thousands. The task is far beyond my poor powers. What I cannot help, I must forget.

So he stood up, summoned his old-time good cheer, threw back his head and shook himself, as if to cast off the burdens which bore him down. "Yes," he decided firmly, "I will comfort myself at least a little, as others do, for they are right: I have set my life upon a hopeless quest."

But then, of a sudden, right before him appeared

the eyes of Mary Marden, lustrous, perplexed, pleading eyes, just as that very morning they had followed him about the dingy chamber where she lay, with scarcely strength enough to turn her head.

At once, he knew that it was no use. He dropped back, limp, upon the seat. Thousands and thousands of sufferers, massed in a table of statistics—that he might forget. But one penniless, widowed mother, her new-born babe at her side, bereft, beseeching—that he could not forget.

Hard as he had tried to pull himself together, in the culmination of a life of disappointments, one frail human being, her eyes appealing straight to his heart,

now overwhelmed him. His throat choking, his spirit quite, quite broken, he looked out across the wide meadows.

And it was more than rain that blurred the distant lights.

What a blessing the justice and truth and righteousness and mercy of God's kingdom is bound to be to men who can write like that, and can write it because they really feel it in their hearts! The only books worth reading are visionary books, and *The Road to Plenty* is such a book.

*World Distress : Cause : Remedy

TIMELY indeed are those words as a title for the address of a speaker whom the radio audience of America delights to hear. And it is a pleasure to announce that such is the subject chosen by Judge Rutherford, president of the International Bible Students Association, for Sunday morning, April 27.

On that day he will speak at Oakland, California, over two hookups, one for the East and one for the West.

For Eastern and Central Territory

Direct from Oakland through the following stations regularly associated in the WATCH-TOWER network:

Bangor, Maine	WLBZ
Boston, Massachusetts	WLOE
Providence, Rhode Island	WLSI
New York, New York	WBBR
New York, New York	WMCA
Poughkeepsie, New York	WOKO
Syracuse, New York	WFBL
Paterson, New Jersey	WODA
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	WHP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	WIP
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	KQV
Scranton, Pennsylvania	WGBI
Washington, District of Columbia	WMAL
Norfolk, Virginia	WTAR
Petersburg, Virginia	WLBG
Charlotte, North Carolina	WBT
Raleigh, North Carolina	WPTF
Hamilton, Ontario	CKOC
Cleveland, Ohio	WHK

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—Editor.

Columbus, Ohio	WCAH
Youngstown, Ohio	WKBN
Wheeling, West Virginia	WWVA
Fort Wayne, Indiana	WOWO
Indianapolis, Indiana	WKBF
Evansville, Indiana	WGBF
Hopkinsville, Kentucky	WFIW
Chicago, Illinois	WCFL
Chicago, Illinois	WORD
St. Louis, Missouri	KMOX
St. Joseph, Missouri	KFEQ
Muscantine, Iowa	KTNT
Lincoln, Nebraska	KFAB
Sioux Falls, South Dakota	KSOO

Over any of the above stations the sixty-minute program, including the address of Judge Rutherford, will be heard according to the following time schedule:

Eastern Daylight Saving Time	10 to 11 AM
Eastern Standard Time	9 to 10 AM
Central Daylight Saving Time	9 to 10 AM
Central Standard Time	8 to 9 AM

For Pacific Coast and Mountain Territory

A second presentation of the same sixty-minute program will be broadcast direct from Oakland through Station KFWM (Oakland) and a special network including stations along the coast from San Diego to Vancouver, also at Salt Lake City and Denver. This second presentation will be audible according to the following schedule:

Pacific Standard Time	10 to 11 AM
Mountain Standard Time	11 to 12 AM

It is expected that the full list of stations for the Pacific coast and Mountain territory can be announced in our next issue.

Pot Shots

Huge Bricks for Paving

AS A result of experiments made at Pennsylvania State College it is likely that, before long, paving bricks will be made which will be twenty feet long, five feet wide, and thick enough that they can be laid for pavement at once.

Plain Speech by Louisville "Times"

IN AN editorial the Louisville *Times* says with great plainness of speech: "Civilization has been for a long time a gun-muzzle civilization, Christianity nominal, bloodshed and despoilment part of the routine of history making." That being true, and it is true, then what about the birds that have the nerve to call the whole aggregation 'Christ's kingdom'?

Four Bottles of Beer

IN A home in California prohibition officers found four bottles of beer. The matron of the home, a young woman about to become a mother, was arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to prison. Her child was born in a cell, and when it was born it was dead. If this is civilization, what is next?

Why Youths Commit Crime

A WRITER in the New York *Times* points out that twenty-five million clerks, bookkeepers, factory hands, mechanics and day laborers average \$25 a week, and that while this is a subsistence wage it precludes marriage. Four-fifths of the crimes in the United States are committed by youths between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, because of dissatisfaction with the conditions in which they find themselves.

Scranton's Crooked Rulers

A COURAGEOUS grand jury at Scranton has indicted the sheriff of the county, four chiefs of police, two ex-chiefs of police, a former civil service commissioner, a man who was twice mayor of the city, and sixty-nine others of like honor and integrity, for conspiracy in connection with a slot machine ring. We present on this page a photograph of the officials in Scranton and vicinity who are now open to suspicion of things that are even worse.

Voting in Kenya Colony

THE Hindus and Negroes in the British colony of Kenya, East Africa, are asking that, when they have met the education and property tests which may be fixed by law, they shall have the same rights to vote in Kenya as are now enjoyed by the whites. Could they, in simple justice, ask for less?

Russia's New Calendar

RUSSIA'S new calendar, expected to be put in operation soon, will date from November 7, 1917, the date of the Bolshevik revolution, and will have six weeks of five days each in every month. Saturdays and Sundays will be eliminated. The private practice of law in Russia has been eliminated.

New York City's Waning Forests

THE last saw mill that will ever operate in Queens Borough, New York city, is now engaged in cutting up one of the few remaining forests within the city limits. There are still some good forests on Staten Island, in one of the principal ones of which is the site of radio station WBBR.

Australia's Wild Camels

AUSTRALIA, thinking it would be fun to shoot them, introduced rabbits, years ago. They multiplied so fast as to become a pest, and now they have to be shot to keep them down. More recently camels were introduced, and then turned loose when automobiles took their place. Now the camels too are multiplying with great rapidity, and as they have gone wild it has become necessary to organize squads to shoot them also.

A Funny One on the Scientists

A 'DINOSAUR'S skeleton' was discovered near Tetuán, Morocco, and a group of Spanish scientists solemnly descended upon it and began to make the usual calculations as to how many hundreds of thousands of years ago it had lived. They got along very well with the identification of the various parts until they finally discovered that it was a haymaking machine made in Chicago which a Spanish farmer had abandoned during the Riff war and which had later been covered by a landslide caused by heavy rains.

Colorings of Lobsters

PERHAPS due to their differing foods, lobsters have been found which have been of the following colorings: pure white, jet black, dark green, bright blue, gray, red, reddish-yellow, and cream. There are also spotted (or calico) lobsters, exhibiting a variety of colorings, in patterns.

Persecution of Jews in Russia

NOT only have many synagogues been taken away from Jews in Russia and converted into Communist clubs and workmen's dwellings, but burial grounds have been seized, rabbis have been imprisoned and exiled, the teaching of Hebrew has been forbidden, and the teaching of even two children to say their prayers may result in imprisonment for whoever does it.

Instruction for the Isolated

A PRAISEWORTHY step taken by the Office of Education of the Department of the Interior is to provide education by correspondence for such children as are now too remote from any school to be able to attend. These will include children in lighthouses and on islands remote from the mainland, as well as those that are disabled.

Hurrah for Konefsky!

YOU may not know who Konefsky is. He is a blind boy, fifteen years of age, who entered America less than four years ago, not knowing any English at the time. He has just completed an eight-year course in three years and four months and now speaks English so pure that he was chosen to make the valedictory address of his class, most of whom have their sight.

Russellville's Astonishing Bootlegger

AT RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas, just before Christmas, a number of citizens were approached with the question, "Say, how would you like to buy a quart of corn?" A justice of the peace and several church members thought they would appreciate such an investment, and when they got home found that they had purchased corn, shelled corn at that, not even ground into meal, and had paid \$2 a quart for it. The purchasers are still looking for the alleged bootlegger. They wish to explain some things to him.

Ancient Wall of Jericho Found

AN ANCIENT wall, twenty feet high, said to be the most magnificent yet discovered in Palestine, has recently been uncovered at Jericho and is believed by some to be part of the wall miraculously overthrown in the days of Joshua. About 165 feet of the wall has been unearthed.

Peter Better Fixed Now

THE fact that a Roman Catholic archbishop in the Philippines was able to pay \$1,500,000 for the property of the Mindoro Sugar Company suggests that times have improved somewhat for Peter since he said to the poor cripple, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee."

Britain's Sunday Schools

IN THE last twenty years the Anglican church in England has suffered a decrease of 1,133,766 Sunday scholars; the Wesleyans have lost 177,797, the Baptists have lost 68,096, and the Congregationalists, 174,615. Dr. Douglas Brown, president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, has declared that at the present rate the church would be as dead as the dodo in another ten years.

The Reformation of Krupps

KRUPPS, which at one time filled the world with terror, is now giving close attention to market gardening and building acres of glass houses with the idea of supplying the whole of industrial Germany with flowers, fruit and vegetables, and every kind of industrial instrument, including sewing machines and gramophone needles. Germany has learned that war does not pay.

The Use of Antitoxin

THE *Army Medical Journal*, May 15, 1923, said: "Medical opinion generally is rapidly coming over to the side of believing it advisable to eliminate the prophylactic use of antitoxin." In view of the deaths at Bundaberg and Dallas this seems reasonable, and yet we find that the Health Department of New York city has large and expensive posters about the city pleading with parents to have the doctors do, not without remuneration, what the *Army Medical Journal* thinks inadvisable. And the public pays for the posters.

Harvard Discharges Scrub Women

ON THE twenty-first of last December, four days before the day popularly called Christmas, twenty scrub women, some of whom had been over thirty years on the job, were summarily discharged because the State Minimum Wage Commission had ruled that their wages thereafter must be increased from \$10.50 a week to \$11.10 a week. Harvard is the recipient of gifts of millions of dollars every year.

The Cost of Poorhouses

THE average cost of caring for each of the 85,889 persons now in poorhouses in the United States is \$334.64. A bill has been introduced in Congress which would provide federal aid on a 50-50 basis to any state enacting old age pension legislation. At present the United States and China are the only large nations that do not have some form of national old age pension legislation. Wonder if the supreme court of China would declare old age pension legislation unconstitutional.

The Dentifrice Racket

UNDER this name *The New Republic* publishes an article giving Ora-Noid, Semafor, Orphos, Pepsodent, Pebeco, Listerine, Mu-Sol-Dent, X-It, Miracle Pyorrhea Powder, Mucol, Ipana, Tartaroff and Forhan's a free advertisement which they will remember but probably not appreciate. Most dentifrices claiming to cure pyorrhea consist of baking soda and borax, sold under fancy names for prices ample to pay for the advertising and profits therefrom.

Chicago's Tax Problems

IT SEEMS that the Big Business men of Chicago succeeded by some hook or crook in getting \$400,000,000 in valuations cut out of the assessments on property in the Loop. The mayor did not think that was fair, so he vetoed the city budget. The taxpayers on the outskirts did not think it was fair either, and are in an angry mood, but Big Business has had its way, for the present, and another intolerable burden has been piled on the backs of those least able to bear it. Chicago is at present virtually in the hands of anarchists masquerading under the high-toned name of "Citizens' Committee", self-appointed. The banks, instead of standing by the city in its plight, are refusing funds and standing by the anarchists.

Louisville's Hard-boiled Magistrate

LOUISVILLE'S hard-boiled magistrate, Albert Nisbet, has been up for trial for embezzling the church's funds. He is now blind. His daughter claims that the pastor of the church knew of the embezzlements and that both he and the church profited while there were profits to divide. Meantime, the pastor adroitly says that Mr. Nisbet was not "authorized" to abstract the church's funds. Probably not. Permission and authorization are different words.

Paid a Dead Man Six Years

A MAN in Somerville, N. J., was on the pension pay roll of New York city at the time of his death, in April, 1920; but he forgot to notify the bookkeeper or somebody else that he had passed out, so his monthly check came along regularly for the next six years. A man by the name of Ahern found the checks perfectly good, and now, after getting \$4,054 in that way, he has the embarrassment of having to explain why he forgot to say something about it.

Chiropractors in New York State

WHEN the World War was over, the United States government sent 328 ex-service men to Davenport, Iowa, to train for a profession wherein they could make a livelihood, and now if one of those men undertakes to practice in New York state something which is perfectly legal elsewhere, and which should be legal everywhere, he is in danger of being imprisoned as a felon. Looks like medical liberty with a minus sign before it.

Famine Conditions in China

TWO million have already starved to death in Shensi province, China, and two million more will starve before June. In some instances the survivors continue to live by eating the bodies of their fellows who have already starved or frozen to death. In places nothing is left of houses but one room, the rest having been used for firewood because of the bitter weather, the worst in forty years. Coal is \$118 a ton; charcoal \$190 a ton. In one village of 800 inhabitants where the starving people had had no grain food for three months, the soldiery distributed some small loaves. The sight of real food drove the people insane, and the soldiers were forced to beat them off with whips before any distribution of the food was possible.

Liberty in Indianapolis

THE non-union Real Silk Hosiery mills of Indianapolis discharged seventeen workers for their union activities. The workers then organized a dance and sold tickets. The Real Silk Hosiery mills posted signs at the mills stating that the dance would be called off. After the sign was posted the police of Indianapolis banned the dance. Persons familiar with the facts are wondering at just what point of time Indianapolis made its escape from the land of the free and the home of the brave, and disengaged itself from the provisions of the Constitution regarding freedom of assemblage.

Shortridge Would Know

BUSINESS of investigating lobbying in Washington. Sugar lobby up for study, especially W. H. Baldwin, who gets \$2,500 a month, part of it from a New York sugar broker, H. H. Pike. Mr. Pike's files are examined and disclose a memorandum saying, "Shortridge, Cal. Not influential. C. & H. (California and Hawaiian Sugar Company) will certainly tell Shortridge what to do." If that information is correct, how would it do to let Shortridge out and openly elect the California and Hawaiian Sugar Company to represent the great state of California in the Senate? At the very least, we would then know who are governing, and who to blame for things.

Splitting Georgia Plantations

COLONEL J. L. EVANS, Ashburn, Ga., has split his five-thousand-acre farm into twenty farms, each equipped with modern machinery and started out with a good supply of farm animals of all kinds. Mr. Evans says of this plan: "Where once these farmers lay by when the cotton was picked, they are now handling the poultry, the livestock and farm products. When the cotton and other crops come on the produce season is over." Mr. Evans is hopeful to encourage other plantation owners to divide their lands and create a class of farm owners in the South that can become buyers of the nation's wares instead of being, as they have been, half-idle and hopeless tenants, living from hand to mouth. He thinks the old tenant plantation system has had its day.

No More Shaves in Byers

BYERS (Kansas) Methodist pastor asks the men of the town to stop getting shaved and to place their barber costs in the missionary funds. Good idea! A still better one is to get their religion over the radio, and then the preacher can go into the barber business, which by that time will have been vacated. The only unsolved problem remaining is, What shall we do with the poor barber that first loses his job under the "no shave" deal? The chances are he would make a better preacher than the other one, so we put him back in the dominie's job, and the problem is solved.

Los Angeles Getting Religious

AN ADVERTISEMENT in the Los Angeles *Times* shows that in St. Paul's Presbyterian church of that city the Rev. Dr. G. A. Briegleb has been preaching on "Jack Horner's Christmas Pie"; "Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Wall"; "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep"; "Old King Cole," and other subjects which he thought would be up to the level of his audience and not beyond his own powers. It is wonderful how religious Los Angeles is getting to be. As George Kendall is alleged to have said at the convention in Allegheny, "Isn't it wonderful? We are right back here where we were forty years ago." Yea, verily!

Household Economics in St. Louis

UNDER the head of "Household Economics" the St. Louis *Post Dispatch* says: "When stewing tomatoes, rhubarb, apricots, or onions, look around the kitchen for the aluminum saucepan that needs brightening and use it to cook any one of these articles. All work and effort on your part towards a shiny kettle will be over." The *Post Dispatch* forgot to add that if every time you cook such foods you thus stew the discolorations off your pots and subsequently eat them, not only will you shortly cease all work and effort to get shiny kettles, but you will at length cease all work and effort of every kind. What remains to be done will be done first by the doctor, who will not know what to do, and then by the undertaker, who will. And thus the aluminum returns to the earth as it was.

Some Facts About Vaccination

The facts in this article are taken from *The Facts Against Compulsory Vaccination* (\$1.00), by H. B. Anderson, published by Citizens Medical Reference Bureau, 1860 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

THERE are no compulsory vaccination laws in Maine, Vermont, West Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, or in any of the states west of the Mississippi river, excepting only New Mexico and Oregon, and in the latter state the requirement is optional with the local authorities. The states of Maine, North Dakota, Arizona and California, which were once in the vaccination column, have stepped out of it. Massachusetts has abolished the compulsory vaccination of infants.

England and Australia have repudiated compulsory vaccination, and Holland has suspended it for a year on account of the prevalence of cases of encephalitis following it. Dr. William Brady, syndicate writer on health, says that he should vote a positive "No" on any proposition of compulsory vaccination for any group of people or even for all the people.

American Medicine, in an editorial, March, 1914, speaking about the reluctance to vaccination, said:

This attitude is not confined to laymen but is taken by those leading men in the medical profession who postpone vaccination of their own kith and kin until the last moment. Two world renowned men have confessed to us that they have had their children vaccinated only in obedience to public opinion in and out of the profession.

The London *Lancet*, in an editorial, January, 1927, made the following statement:

Vaccination at the age of six months inflicts an infectious disease on the child at a time when its digestive mechanism is being rapidly modified, and many reasonable people, although convinced that vaccination will prevent smallpox, think that the advantages of immunity do not outweigh the disadvantages of its production.

The *Journal of the Michigan State Medical Society*, August, 1923, under the head of "The Economic Side of Immunization or Treatment" had the following highly interesting paragraph:

When the 100,000 people born every year in Michigan are vaccinated against smallpox at birth, the income to the physicians would approximate \$200,000. The 500 cases of smallpox that occur every year, treated at an average of \$50.00 per case, bring physicians \$25,000. Thus the physicians, by adopting the practice of vaccination at birth, would increase their income by nearly \$200,000.

The *Journal of the American Medical Association*

cation, November, 1922, contains a declaration by Dr. W. S. Rankin, while secretary of the North Carolina state board of health, in which he unburdened himself of the following:

Last year we inoculated 70,000 persons against typhoid fever, and 1,000 children between 6 and 12 years of age against diphtheria. The county commissioner paid the local practitioners 25 cents for each complete inoculation and that was \$20,000 which went to the profession last year which otherwise would not have been received. The work of the medical profession with the state board of health does not stop when that \$20,000 is paid. It goes on. In the dispensaries which were conducted in Union County, North Carolina, with 35,000 people, the physicians vaccinated 10,000 people in a campaign of five weeks. That was \$2,500 paid to twenty physicians—only \$125 each, but think of the effect on the business of the profession in keeping up that work. It goes on.

Speaking of the tendency of the unscrupulous to foist anything upon the public in the way of medicine (or vaccines) that the public can be made to pay for, *American Medicine* said editorially:

Official positions in medical bodies are sought and at other times are appropriated by not too nice strategy. Medical journals are subsidized and new ones are published. A number of makers pay a regular stipend secretly to complaisant doctors here and there over the country, who, in return, are expected to read "useful" papers and at every possible turn to uphold the wares of the benefactor. Thus it comes that therapeutics has reached its present low estate.

Dr. Frederick R. Green, former secretary, Council on Health and Public Instruction, American Medical Association, in an address before the Utah State Medical Association, September 30, 1914, is quoted as saying:

Another error into which we have fallen as a profession is the tendency to regard the medical profession as a divinely authorized class, whose sacred and distinctive function is the protection of the people either with or without their consent. It is difficult to understand on what rational basis such a belief can rest in a scientific profession like ours.

The inconsistencies in some states and localities, where one set of laws interferes with another, were brought out by a Doctor Godfrey at a conference of health officers at Lansing, Michigan, December 12, 1923. Doctor Godfrey was reported as having said:

In our city unvaccinated children, even though they are not exposed to contagious disease, can not come to

school until they are vaccinated. Unvaccinated children are turned over to the school board, and excluded from school, and then as soon as the records show they are not in attendance at school they are arrested for non-attendance. In other words, we get them going and coming.

On April 22, 1926, 130 members of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce canceled their trips to Mexico rather than submit to vaccination; but the same dispatch that revealed this fact revealed another one still more interesting, reading as follows:

Nearly 100 American medical men who were expected in Mexico at the end of April after a conference in Dallas have fared better than the commerce body. Arrangements have been made for allowing them to enter the republic without vaccination.

Dr. John P. Koehler, commissioner of health, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in an article in the *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, November, 1925, outlines how a campaign in favor of vaccination is worked up. He said:

Since people can not be vaccinated against their will, the biggest job of a health department has always been, and always will be, to persuade the unprotected people to get vaccinated. This we attempted to do in three ways: first, by education; second, by fright; and third, by pressure. We dislike very much to mention fright and pressure, yet they accomplish more than education because they work faster than education, which is normally a slow process.

In England smallpox mortality has greatly declined. In the ten years from 1872 to 1881, inclusive, 85.5 percent of the people of England were vaccinated and the number of deaths from smallpox was 37,082; but in the last ten years for which records are available, namely, 1912 to 1921, only 43.4 percent of the people were vaccinated and the total deaths from smallpox were only 122. In the United States, which is largely unvaccinated, the average number of deaths per year from smallpox for the past twenty years is only 313, which, in a population of 120,000,000, is as near to nothing as could reasonably be expected.

Japan has had compulsory vaccination since 1874, and yet in ten plague years since that time has had 77,500 deaths from smallpox. Italy has been vaccinated and revaccinated repeatedly, yet in 1919 it had 18,213 fatalities from smallpox, as against 358 smallpox fatalities the same year in the generally unvaccinated United States of America. In the Philippine Islands, in the ten years from 1911 to 1920, inclusive, there

were 24,436,889 vaccinations and a total of 75,339 deaths from smallpox. In Australia, where only 30 percent of the people are vaccinated, there were only six deaths from smallpox in the fifteen years from 1909 to 1923, inclusive. These figures ought to show, and do show, that improved sanitation is what helps the smallpox record.

It seems that the real facts about smallpox are covered up by the advice given to physicians to report as smallpox all cases of so-called Cuban itch, Philippine itch, alastrim and seven other diseases of various names. In making diagnosis it is common for physicians to give some other name to the malady if it is found that the patient has been vaccinated. This is done so that vaccination will not get a bad name.

The department of health of New York city has for sale nineteen kinds of vaccines and serums. The Massachusetts department of health has only nine of these, but can get the others when they are wanted. A surgeon of the United States public health service proposed a schedule of seventeen trips to a doctor's office to provide immunization against four diseases. Several hundred trips would be necessary to immunize against all diseases now known or which it is hoped to find. A trip every day, as long as able to make it, is in the offing.

People have been inoculated with extracts of newspapers, dandruff, blonde hair, brunette hair and house dust. You can get almost anything in the way of a serum shot into you if you are willing to pay for it and do not particularly care what happens. Horse dung extract and a serum made from Le Page's liquid glue were considered by a learned committee of doctors, but "in consideration of their indefinite composition" they were declared "unacceptable for new and non-official remedies"; and so say we all.

Doctor Charles Armstrong, in a work published in 1927, refers to 98 cases of lockjaw following vaccination "over a period of several years". There have been such deaths in recent years in Wilkes-Barre, York, Allentown, and Peekskill, ten cases in Pittsburgh, and fifty cases in New York state in 1914. Lethargic encephalitis (sleeping sickness) has become a new problem in the world, and the number of cases of encephalitis traceable to vaccination is on the increase. Physicians admit that vaccina-

tion may light up or transmit various diseases, including leprosy, and foot-and-mouth disease. No physician can be absolutely certain that any

batch of vaccine virus is free from impurities, and no physician can guarantee that vaccination will bring immunity from smallpox.

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

ONE by one the provinces of Canada are adopting an Old Age Pension Act on the basis that the expenditure in connection therewith will be shared equally by the Dominion government and the province concerned. There are now 13,394 old age pensioners in Canada, and \$3,389,089 has been spent on pensions since the passing of the federal act two years ago.

It is instructive to look back on criticism of the measure heard when it was laid before parliament. Some contended it would never work 'because the provinces would refuse to cooperate'. It was 'inadequate because no one could live on \$20 a month'. Finally, it was 'anti-social because it would discourage thrift and pauperize the aged'. These were the principal arguments, and they were used.

Time has shown how pointless they all were. The pensions law is working smoothly. It has been accepted by five of the nine provinces, the five having two-thirds of the country's population. The pension of \$20 a month, while not a munificent income, has brightened the lives of thousands of aged citizens, and relieved them of dependence on grudging charity. And no one complains now that the prospect of getting \$20 a month from the state at the age of seventy will make people idle or improvident.

The pensions law is a credit to Canada, and will in due course have effect in all the provinces. Stupid objections to it are already forgotten, and are worth recalling only as an example of the sort of nonsense reactionary people talk whenever any faintly radical economic measure is proposed.

Smashed Stocks and Unemployment

The recent collapse of the New York stock market, together with the fact that this year's crop in Western Canada will be but half of last year's, is being felt in this country in no uncertain way, and is particularly reflected in the large increase of unemployment through the closing down of many factories. A conference of financial, industrial and labor leaders is being urged to deal with the situation, and in this

connection the following news item appeared in the *Mail and Empire*, of Toronto:

A letter to Premier Mackenzie King urging that he call a conference of financial, industrial and labor leaders to consider "the serious unemployment condition throughout Canada," has been sent by A. R. Mosher, president of the all-Canadian Congress of Labor and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees. In a statement issued to-night Mr. Mosher referred to a conference held in Winnipeg between representatives of provincial and municipal governments and of organized labor for the purpose of dealing with the unemployment situation.

Mr. Mosher stated that in his letter to Premier King he called attention to the fact that, from the time it was ascertained that the wheat crop would be a partial failure, the railways had made immense reductions in staff, and their example was being followed by other industries which were similarly affected, with the result that buying power had been considerably diminished. A widespread business depression was threatened. Seasonal unemployment had appeared at an unusually early period, and the stock market collapse had, in his opinion, exerted an adverse effect fully as great in proportion to population in Canada as in the United States.

It was of the utmost importance, Mr. Mosher's letter stated, that public confidence should be restored by a survey of business conditions and that plans be drawn up for the provision of employment by both public and private agencies. Actual unemployment and the fear that it would spread to great proportions had curtailed public expenditures, creating a vicious circle which might work extreme havoc in Canadian industry.

The Winnipeg conference brought out the fact, Mr. Mosher contended, that unemployment in the west was greater than at any period in the previous five years, and regretted the attitude of the federal government, which apparently considered that unemployment was a matter for provincial and municipal authorities to deal with. Mr. Mosher took the ground that, in a time of crisis, technicalities of jurisdiction should not prevent the rallying of the constructive forces of the country, and that the federal government alone could give the leadership which the situation demands.

Pending the holding of the conference which it proposed, Mr. Mosher's letter suggested to the prime

minister that the railways be asked by the government to carry on as much construction work as possible, with a view to providing employment, and retaining the maximum number of employes in the service.

Mr. Mosher's statement added that the prime minister has taken up his letter with the minister of finance and the minister of labor, and had assured him that his representations would receive every consideration.

Why Wheat Is Held Back

The wheat pool head reveals that the world import requirements of wheat are 770,000,000 bushels and that the export surplus is only 708,000,000, and gives this fact as the reason for the pool's confidence in holding its wheat for higher prices.

In the *Family Herald and Weekly Star* appears the following editorial concerning the situation:

General business would be making a mistake if it took seriously the hue and cry being raised by some of the shipping interests against the wheat pool, because grain is not being rushed overseas, to suit the convenience of transportation companies.

It is perfectly true that many stockholders may be trembling over the possibility of deferred or reduced dividends, because vessels or freight-cars are not operating to their full capacity, but there may be more important interests than theirs to serve.

The whole is greater than its part, and that the Dominion at large should be made to prosper by the receipt and subsequent expenditure of large sums of money is more important than that the fortunate people, who live wholly or in part upon the profits of their investments, should have rather less money to spend, just at the moment.

Last year produced a wonderful record crop of wheat the marketing of which gave financial prosperity to the whole Dominion.

This year there has been a world crop failure. Forecasts are somewhat speculative with regard to the Argentine and Australian harvests, but it is expected that Australia will garner little more than half of last year's crop, while the Argentine will be short of its splendid crop of last year by at least 100,000,000 bushels. Canada expects her crop will amount to little more than half of her great crop of 1928.

Last year's crop brought us \$470,000,000 for inspected wheat. If the Pool were to sell its holdings at the present prices it would mean a loss to the grain growers of the west in purchasing power close upon \$175,000,000. This would have its repercussions on Eastern Canada.

Can any sensible business man claim that the management of the wheat pool is acting short-sightedly in holding large stocks for the present?

The August shipments of wheat and flour made up a total of 13,000,000 bushels, which is some 2,000,000 bushels more than the usual average, although it is quite true that in 1928 under an abnormal pressure of overplus grain 30,000,000 bushels were sold.

No doubt eager buyers, banking upon the small supplies everywhere, would gladly have taken 30,000,000 bushels last August—at last year's prices of from a dollar to a dollar-ten per bushel!

The prices actually realized for what was sold ranged from around \$1.50 to \$1.60 per bushel.

There could be no sound reason for selling our wheat in a hurry at this juncture for what it would bring, and thus losing the country the incoming and circulation of from \$60,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

In times like the present, such a sum might make the difference between prosperity and anxiety to the general trade of the country. There can be no controverting the statement of the General Manager of the Wheat Pool, that the world situation justifies a higher rate than that which rules at present.

Why should Canadian farmers fail to profit by the existing situation, as would men engaged in any other line of business if facing similar conditions?

Law and Order in Nicaragua

GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER, of the Marine Corps, is alleged by Pittsburgh papers to have given the following account of the manner in which an election in Nicaragua was conducted under his supervision. The speech was given at a dinner of the Pittsburgh Builders' Exchange.

The fellow we had in there nobody liked. But he was a useful fellow—to us. So we had to keep him in. How to keep him was the problem. We looked up the

election laws and found that the polls had to be open (a sufficient length of time). At least that's the way we translated it—and that a voter had to register to be eligible to vote. The district was then canvassed, and 400 were found who would vote for the proper candidate. Notice was given of opening the polls five minutes beforehand, the 400 voters were assembled in a line, and when they had voted, in about two hours, the polls were closed. The other citizens had not registered and therefore were ineligible to vote.

"Three Billion Dollar Thefts Predicted for 1930

Boys and Girls Steal Vast Amount" By C. D. Ebie (Indiana)

THE above is the subject of an article appearing in *Lookout*, called a "magazine of Christian education", and published December 29, 1929, by The Standard Publishing Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and distributed by the Christian Church to their Sunday school pupils throughout the United States (so I am told). One of them was handed to me by a man whom I was canvassing a day or two ago, with the thought, I suppose, that it would be a help to me in the proclaiming of the Kingdom message; and it surely did serve me, and is continuing to serve me, in proving by their own lips (Luke 19:22) just what the Bible Students have been telling them for a long time, that is, that the churches have proved a failure as a teacher of morals, and that the time has now come for the world to know it.

Among the interesting statements made is one to the effect that in a school of forty-six pupils every one was found to be dishonest in an examination at the beginning of the school term, and that after spending 200 hours during the term in teaching morality again a test was given and the forty-six pupils proved one-hundred-percent honest, showing that morality can be taught and will prove effective in producing an honest law-abiding young citizenry. The article states that the above vast amount will be stolen by the boys and girls of America during 1930, and almost all of them under twenty-five years of age. Then it asks, "Who is to blame for this great juvenile delinquency? Who has failed? The home? Yes. The state? Yes. But the major blame for the present crime wave must be borne by the church. [We knew it long ago.] The church assumed the responsibility for the spiritual and moral training of the children of this country when religion was removed from the curriculum of the public schools, but the church has failed as a moral teacher. Why has it failed? The answer is clear. The church has never taken its educational work seriously." And then the author goes on to state a number of facts, as follows:

1. "Millions of children unreached by the educational program of any church.
2. "A low level of ethical ideas in selected samples of American youth.
3. "A high susceptibility to immoral conduct among typical groups of American youth.

4. "A rapid increase in juvenile delinquency.

5. "A rapidly spreading emphasis on agnostic and materialistic views of reality which tend to eliminate a personal God from the life of the rising generation.

6. "An army of untrained unsupervised voluntary religious teachers attempting to teach morality.

7. "Commercialized amusements and the influence of vividly portrayed criminal conduct in the daily press and the movie screens."

And then, after again accepting the blame for the low state of morality in our American youth, the author summarizes by asking, "When will the crime wave end, and how long will it last?" He answers, "Until society builds a system of moral and religious schools to match the public schools of our land"; and again, in making his New Year resolutions, the author states, "I dedicate my intellect and my heart, my time and my talents, to the teaching service of my church, knowing that the kingdom of heaven can only be ushered in by teaching our boys and girls to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God."

You will note that this D. D. still thinks that it will be possible for them to clothe the earth with their moral achievements and then the Kingdom will be permitted to come. What audacity, after admitting such tremendous failure, still expecting another chance! They (the D. D.'s) should not say anything about 'Pastor Russell's teaching a second chance' (which he did not) when they have had 1900 years of chance and now admit a complete failure. They will soon know that the Lord has taken the Kingdom privilege away from them. And this also shows why they oppose the Kingdom message; for they know they have been weighed in the balance and been found wanting and it is about to be taken away from them.

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The reason for the total failure above mentioned is lack of common, ordinary, everyday honesty on the part of the religious leaders. They fear to come right out and tell the common people that they have lied to them about the meaning of the words *sheol*, *hades*, *gehenna*, and *tartaroo*, and that the doctrine of "eternal torture" is a lie from beginning to end. They fear it will injure business to tell the truth now, so late in the day.—*Editor*.

Where Are the Dead?

THREE items of recent news are of interest as touching on this subject. The first is an alleged admission by Doctor Cadman, when asked this question. He is said to have replied, "I do not know: Judge Rutherford is the best authority on that subject." This over the radio.

The second item refers to the death of George H. Austin, 46, an employee of the Eastman Kodak Company. Smitten suddenly with a heart attack, Austin passed away. The account says:

Dr. Benjamin Slater, chief of the company's medical service, tried the usual resuscitation methods for two minutes without results, as it was too late. All respiration and heart action had stopped, reflexes of the pupils had ceased and the face had taken on an ashen color, sure signs of death. An injection of adrenalin then was tried, 8 drops being administered directly to the heart through a needle. The first heart beats were hardly perceptible but there was action. The man was rushed to a hospital and there regained full consciousness. "The sensation was the same as if I had fainted and had been revived," Austin said afterward.

Those who read this item may say that Austin did not die; but it is manifest from the account that if the adrenalin had not been injected into his heart there would have been no change in his condition from the time he seemed to die until his resurrection, except that his body would have gone on into complete decay and dissolution. The man had ceased to be, but the machinery was there and in such condition that it could be set in motion again.

As far as the man is concerned it will be noted that Austin did not come back with any fairy tales about having been in heaven or in hell or in 'purgatory' or in 'limbo' or in the atmosphere or in any other place. He merely knew that he had "fainted" and been revived, and when, by the Lord's power, the dead are awakened, that will be all there will be to it. The Devil's theology that the dead are not dead will have no

market in those days; and in order to help the poor fellows who are in that business we are doing all possible to encourage them to buy alarm clocks and overalls and work up callouses on their hands in preparation for the better day, for it is nigh, even at the doors.

The third item is much like the second one, except that the symptoms of death were even more pronounced. The dispatch, which is from Little Rock, Arkansas, reads as follows:

Juda Campbell, 15, whose heart stopped for thirteen minutes, while she was under an anesthetic for a tonsil removal, was alive and well Monday as the result of a new discovery in resuscitation.

The little negro girl was revived after all animation had been suspended when Dr. S. F. Hoge injected oxygen directly into her blood. Previously it had been believed that such an injection would cause instant death.

Physicians here said they regarded Dr. Hoge's method as a phenomenal contribution to science. Never before, to their knowledge, had such an injection been made for such a purpose.

All agreed that Juda was "dead" when the injection was made. Her breathing had ceased. Her heart had stopped. All her vital functions were at a stand-still, and adrenalin had been administered without effect.

Five minutes after the oxygen needle was jabbed into a large vein, the girl gasped and began to breathe. A few hours later she regained consciousness, apparently unharmed.



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A Federal Stop to Cigarette Lies

THE Federal Trade Commission has compelled one lying cigarette company to discontinue advertisements which purport to show that the smoking of its particular brand has caused actresses to stay slender and men to become healthy and vigorous.

Two Air Mail Routes to Panama

THE United States now has two air mail routes to Panama, one via Miami and the other a land route via Mexico City and Nicaragua and Guatemala. The new route saves two days in mails from the west coast to Panama.

The Devil in India

IN INDIA, if a farmer is willing to raise opium, the Devil will loan him enough money to engage in the work and will not charge him any interest. But if he desires to raise wheat upon his lands, so that the people may have proper food, then the Devil will lend him nothing.

In India the Devil has a monopoly of the opium business and maintains 17,000 stores where individuals who desire may purchase as much as they please and as often as they please, and even provides divans where those who desire to smoke the opium may do so under his protection.

In India, if a man tries to put a stop to the opium traffic he is put in prison, but in Great Britain he may be sent to prison for as long as ten years for having opium or tools for opium smoking in his possession. Britain is a Chris-

tian nation and does not tolerate opium smoking, in Britain.

But why does the Devil allow in India that which he disallows in Britain? Oh, why ask such simple questions? The British government has officially answered that question by saying that "in the present circumstances the revenue derived from opium is indispensable for carrying on with efficiency the government of India".

Here is a nice problem. If "the powers that be" are represented in part by the British government, how should a Christian render obedience thereto? The answer is, By agitating against the smoking of opium in Britain, where it would kill white men, and by agitating for it in India, where it would kill brown ones. That seems to be the logic of it.

Meantime, what about that Man who said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself"? Oh, that was said back there in Palestine two thousand years ago, but we have progressed a long way since then! Now we have archbishops, bishops, and a string of other clergy such as neither Jesus nor the apostles in their simplicity knew anything whatever about. These are the spiritual advisers of the British Empire, which rules over India and over Britain.

"When Thou Doest Alms"

"TAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. But

when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly."—Matt. 6:1, 3, 4.

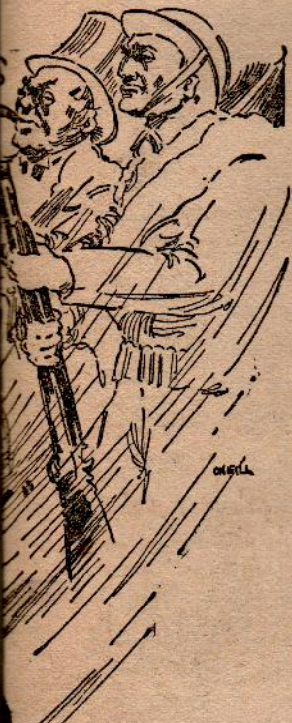
In *The Catholic News* we notice a revised version of these instructions. There is a two-column advertisement, eight inches deep, showing a young woman putting a dollar in the collection basket, and below appear Jesus' new instructions, through Mary, via "St. Peter", the pope, the proper cardinal, archbishop, and bishop, down to *The Catholic News*:

Like the Air Mail, the Dollar-a-Sunday standard of giving is comparatively new, but is socially correct. Persons of good breeding and good manners meet their obligations in a dignified and honorable way, and they conform to prescribed usages.

Each parishioner has an obligation to pay his or her proportion of the cost for maintaining parish church or school. If you're doing your part, you will not hesitate to enclose your contribution in an envelope bearing your name. There are rare cases where anonymity is the robe of charity, but excepting those very rare cases, it is an excuse and a dishonorable "way out."

England an Intruder in India

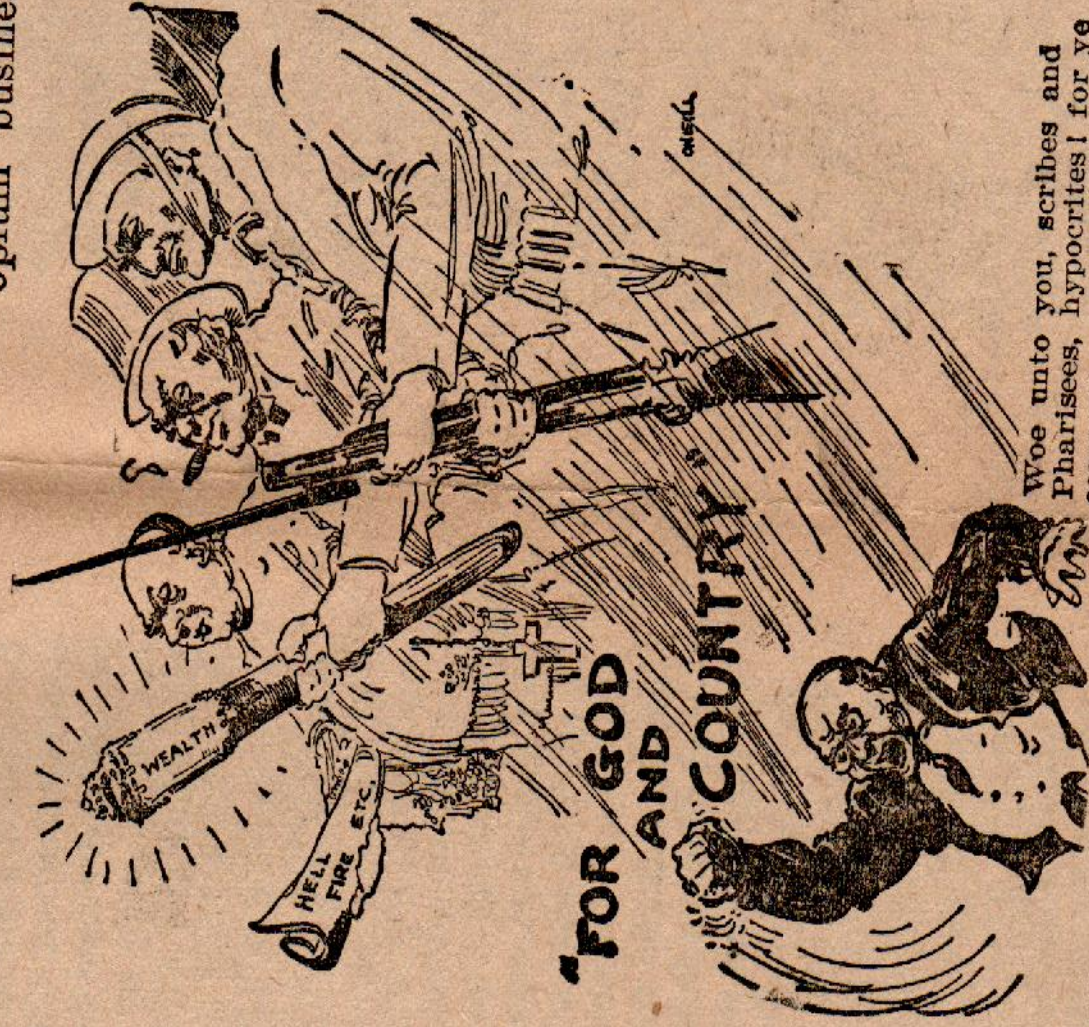
WITH only six opposing votes two thousand members of India's National Congress have declared England an intruder in India and demanded complete independence. A program of civil disobedience is contemplated.



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A Cure for Cancer By M. G.

THE immense increase in the number of victims of cancer during the past few years is nothing short of appalling. An authority states that statistics inform us that one out of every eight adult deaths in the United States is due to cancer.

This condition has proved a challenge to the medical profession to which many of its members have responded by devoting time and energy to different kinds of research work in laboratories, using mice, rats, guinea pigs, and perhaps other small animals, for their experiments.

These workers have found out some things that cancer is not, but not much on which to base curative treatment. For instance, all their work has failed to discover a cancer germ, so they conclude it is not a germ disease. Also, it is not contagious and it is not inheritable. But so far as the most important thing of all is concerned, the cause of the dread disease, which would open the way to ascertaining its prevention, doctors seem to be floundering as helpless as a ship at sea without a rudder. And after many years of investigation and search for some remedy they appear to be just as unable to suggest a cure, after the disease has gained much headway. Their chief resort is the knife, the efficacy of which is liable to prove only temporary, at best, since the growth may come again. Radium is used as a curative agent, though to a rather limited extent.

Various theories as to the cause of cancer have been advanced, but have generally been flouted by the profession as a whole. One of the foremost surgeons of England, Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane, declared it was his belief that cancer is due to eating white bread and the rich concoctions of modern kitchens and that, since savages are not afflicted with it, it is distinctly a product of civilization!

In spite of the eminence attained by Doctor Lane in his profession, this theory has not met with general acceptance by physicians. Yet there would seem to be good reason for his assertion, since the foods to which Doctor Lane takes exception are those which have a tendency to clog the alimentary canal and thus to retard the elimination of poisons from the system. Another theory is that cancer is caused by irritation. A quotation from a Bulletin of the State

Medical Society of Wisconsin tells us, "Cancers in some locations can be prevented very simply. It is said by reliable authorities that cancer of the mouth and tongue never occur among persons who keep their teeth and mouths in good and clean condition. The jagged tooth, the ill-fitting dental plate, rubs until it makes a sore which develops into cancer. Sores upon the lip may be produced by holding a hot pipe too much in one position."

If external irritation, such as described in the quotation, will produce cancer, which fact seems to be recognized by medical societies as tenable, why may not internal irritation be productive of internal cancer? That is a theory advanced by Doctor C. T. Betts, of Toledo, Ohio, who claims that the irritation by the aluminum compounds that are produced when food of any kind is cooked in aluminum utensils is a prolific cause of cancer. This theory needs no elucidation in the pages of *The Golden Age*, since articles by Doctor Betts explaining it have been published in this magazine. But if irritation will cause cancer in one place in the human system, why not in other places?

It may be that there is more than a single definite cause for cancer; that irritation of tissue is one cause, and that faulty elimination of systemic poisons or secretions is another; and there may be still others. The State Medical Bulletin previously quoted states that "Cancers of the breast are believed to be due to stagnation of the natural secretions". Such stagnation would certainly produce decided irritation through retention of unhealthy substance.

It is trite to say that if or when the cause shall be known the remedy will be forthcoming. Meanwhile thousands are doomed and are suffering a torturing death because the medicos have no remedies in their pharmacopœia, and no form of treatment but by the knife and by radium; and they give no credence to anything as a means of cure that is suggested by anyone outside the charmed circle of their own profession, even though the most careful and intelligent research has been carried on and proof of cure by special treatment can be demonstrated by particular cases, cases diagnosed by regular physicians as malignant cancer and pronounced hopeless unless an operation would prove effective.

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My attention was first called to the subject of cure for cancer about eighteen years ago when I was staying in Norwich, Connecticut, for about two months in the summertime. While there I met a lady, a resident of the city, somewhat less than fifty years of age, who had been cured of malignant cancer of the breast by living on grape juice and taking every day a high enema of plain warm water, temperature of comfortable warmth, from 100° to 105°. I will give a few more details of this case later and will refer to it as Case Number One.

Case Number Two was of a lady who had heard of the cure of Case Number One and who came to Norwich from another state to take a course of treatment for cure of cancer of the breast. This lady was about sixty years of age. She did not confine herself wholly to grape juice, but took other fruit juices when she wanted to vary, such as orange, grapefruit, pear, and apple, perhaps a pint in all. The fruit juice was pressed out fresh every day. The drinking of plenty of water was advised, and this she partook of freely at intervals, and the high enema was taken daily, with never an omission. Complete cures resulted in both cases, though in each case physicians of the regular school had declared that an operation was necessary and that death was inevitable without it. In each of these cases the treatment followed the usual course, lasting between thirty-five and forty days. At first the tongue becomes quite thickly covered with a white coating which lasts until nature has completed the curative process with the aid of fruit juice and enemas and an abundance of water to drink. After a certain time, generally thirty-six to thirty-eight days, the coating disappears from the tongue and the patient is ready to begin cautiously on a diet of simple solid food. I was told by the person who superintended the treatment of these cases that oatmeal gruel, *very thin* and strained, could be used in place of fruit juice if so much fruit juice disagreed with the patient.

These cases offered such complete proof that cancer is curable, even in an advanced stage, that I supposed, in my ignorance of the mental invulnerability of the medical fraternity to methods outside their own profession, that the attention of doctors everywhere would be called to these cures by articles in medical journals, since in both cases the physicians who had diagnosed the cases saw and examined the patients

after the cures were effected. But though I have read many statements by doctors on the subject of cancer and have followed closely the reports of several medical conferences on this subject, I have never seen a hint regarding the grape juice or fruit juice cure. It may be that those women have written accounts of their cures for publication in health magazines for the encouragement of other poor sufferers, as medical journals would not be likely to publish them.

Case Number Three

I paid no more attention to the subject of cancer till I became acquainted with a woman somewhat over sixty years of age who was cured of an internal cancer which her physicians had predicted would lead to her death within a few months at most. This woman had suffered from a severe stomach trouble for a long time and had been obliged to live on a very simple diet, mainly of coarse cereals, vegetables and fruits. A peculiar condition of stoppage near where the stomach joins the intestines was diagnosed, and an operation advised. During the process of the operation the surgeons discovered a cancer back of the stomach, and so far advanced that its removal was considered inadvisable because so fraught with danger to the tissue. The operation they were attempting was performed successfully, and members of the family were told that the patient had three or four months to live at the most. But the successful removal of the obstruction in the alimentary canal, and the continuance of a plain and wholesome diet of vegetables, fruits, and foods made from coarse grains were the means of restoring this patient to complete health, and it was several years subsequent to the operation that I first made her acquaintance.

This case would seem to be good evidence that stagnation in the circulation or inadequate elimination of systemic poisons may create a center which will be the starting point of that loathesome growth known as cancer; and that the freeing of the circulation, combined with a diet provided by the bounties of nature in simple form, will provide a cure. The daily enema was not used in this case, though doubtless recovery would have been more rapid if it had been.

Within the last two or three years I have heard of a few well-authenticated cases of cure

of cancer by remedies made from herbs in some cases and by the grape juice cure in others. In no case have I heard of fever or vomiting or other symptoms of discomfort after the cure had begun to work. It is probable that the daily high enema would tend to relieve the patient of such distressing conditions.

A few more facts relating to Case Number One may be of special interest, as this case was so extreme that its cure seems little short of miraculous. This lady told me her story in detail herself. She had already endured three operations for removal of cancer and, when the growth started a fourth time, her utter despair can be only faintly imagined. Finally the time came when she was having so much pain that her sleep was greatly broken at night and she could not lie down in bed but had to be bolstered up in almost sitting posture to get what rest she could. Her physician said that she would have to resort to morphine and live under its influence for the rest of her life unless she had an operation at once. Without an operation she could live about three or four weeks, he told her. After an operation he would give her three or four months to live, and her days would be practically free from suffering, though her strength would gradually decline.

It was just at this time that she heard of the grape juice treatment and decided to give it a trial. It was early in September. Grape juice to the amount of about a pint was pressed out fresh each morning from ripe grapes, for her use through the day. She sipped a little of it from time to time as she felt a little faint or a craving for food. The daily high enema was never omitted; and this case was so extreme that a poultice was advised of a kind of earth, said to contain curative qualities, which was mixed with water and applied fresh every day. The poultice was used for two or three weeks, and by that time the growth had decreased so much and the general condition of the patient was so much improved that it was discontinued. The treatment lasted in all for nearly forty days, when the coating on the tongue disappeared and the obnoxious growth had so withered away that it had practically vanished. When the coating of the tongue had completely disappeared the patient began to take solid food, starting with whole-wheat toast and a simple vegetable soup, made without any meat whatever. Little by little other articles were added

to her diet until vegetables and fruits of all kinds, cereals, including the unpolished or natural brown rice, and nuts were all included. Eight months after completing the treatment, when I saw and talked with her, her health was so established that she was doing her own housework for a family of four.

While staying in Norwich I met, besides the two cancer patients, a minister from Pennsylvania who had come to Norwich to take the fruit juice treatment for the cure of arteriosclerosis. He claimed to be entirely cured. He had been able to be up and around and to take a walk each day while taking the treatment and said he had lost very little flesh and no strength whatever. Another case which I was told about as a remarkable cure was that of a truck driver who had cut the flesh of his right hand or arm and blood poisoning had set in. The physicians he consulted could not prevent the poison from spreading, and decreed that his right arm would have to be amputated. He was a man about forty years of age, and the loss of his arm would have meant loss of work for him, possibly for the rest of his life. He heard of the grape juice cure as something which would prove efficacious in cases of impurity of the blood. He decided to try it, and did so with complete success. In these cases, as in the cancer cases, the high enema every day was an essential part of the treatment; and as also in the cancer cases the treatment lasted a little less than forty days, when the tongue cleared, which indicated that the curative process had completed its work and that the patient was in a condition to begin to take solid food.

"Prevention is better than cure." So it is better to prevent cancer than to suffer the agony of mind and torture of body incident to having one and struggling to cure it. The question has been asked, "Did you ever hear of a person with pure blood afflicted with cancer?" That would be difficult to answer with assurance of accuracy, since it is manifestly impossible to apply the blood test to everybody. But it seems reasonable to assume that purity of blood and unimpeded, perfect circulation would go far toward prevention. Common sense urges the need of every reasonable precaution to guard against a disease which is the fourth most frequent cause of death in the United States. It surely is time that something drastic was done to over-

come the menace to the human race offered by the dread disease of cancer, especially since in the last ten or fifteen years it is attacking young people. Its victims used to be old or elderly persons, but now the middle-aged are its prey, and even young people under thirty! Can this perhaps be due, as Dr. Betts holds, to the increase in the use of aluminumware as kitchen utensils? Some definite thing must account for the prevalence of this affliction among persons of all ages; and what more likely than the irritating substances taken into the stomachs of the millions of families that use aluminumware?

If the irritation of a "chemical ferment" (such

as a compound of aluminum) can, by any possibility, be considered a cause of cancer, eliminate all aluminum utensils from your kitchen. Drink plenty of pure fresh water. Eat simple wholesome foods, fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts, as far as practical in their natural state. Eat very little meat, or none; the protein supplied by meat can be obtained from other foods.

Case Number Three gives good evidence that cancer may sometimes be cured by a carefully arranged diet of vegetables, fruits, and coarse grains. I know of a case successfully treated by such a dietary with the addition of grape juice at intervals between meals.

Sacramento's Poisoning Bee

SACRAMENTO has just had a poisoning bee, all unintentional, of course, but fifty persons made desperately ill. There was the usual grand rush of bacteriologists, poison experts, food experts and doctors galore and, of course, none of them had the faintest idea what caused the wholesale poisoning. But a doctor in Phoenix, Arizona, must have been reading *The Golden Age*; for he wired one of the victims, "Chances are aluminum cooker poisoned your guests." Thereupon it developed that the creamed chicken had been made up early in the afternoon and had stood in an aluminum pan from then until nearly midnight, when it was eaten. Then the newspaper reporting the matter hypocritically says, "The possibility of the poison being caused by the contact of acids in the vegetables with the metal is being investigated." Never fear. Neither the bacteriologists, epidemiologists, food experts, poison experts, doctors or newspapers will ever find out what caused the poisoning, because they would have to admit that it was aluminum utensils that did it, and they are committed to the untruth on this subject and will stand by it at all costs.

As a revelation of how completely fooled the people are by the presumptuous and ill-founded claims of the medical trust, and how little either the medicos or the people know what they are about on this matter of aluminum poisoning, note the following naive letter from one of the sufferers:

In reply to your letter of inquiry as to the victuals that were cooked for the Foresters' banquet, I can

not with any authority give any account of the poison which came so near proving fatal to about fifty persons. It was far too powerful to be an ordinary food poisoning, to my belief, and I am still suffering from the effect. *Chicken remained hot in aluminum approximately four and one-half hours; tomato gelatine, cold, ten hours; cauliflower cooked in new aluminum; no other than aluminum ware was used.* In one hour after eating I became violently ill.

Scientific American, Literary Digest and imaginary health experts who are so freely given space in the Devil's own press, please note that the above italics are our own. But on no account will you please come out now and tell the truth about this, and cause us and other innocent people to fall dead with surprise.

A later report from our own Sacramento correspondent says:

I secured an interview with Mrs. Lillian Bardin, 2101 "J" Street, of this city. She had full charge of the preparations of all the food served at the dinner.

The main dish was of chicken and veal, served with pimento tomato sauce. The chicken and veal was cooked in aluminum, allowed to cool: then was boned and placed again in an aluminum dish and sent to Mrs. Bardin's home where it was diced and again placed in an aluminum kettle. After being covered with the sauce it was reheated ready for serving.

The sauce was made in an aluminum utensil and, all together, was in such container five and one-half hours. The chicken and veal was in aluminum four and one-half hours.

I am very grateful for this opportunity of service and hope I have gained the information you wished.

"The Only Explanation"

BY THIS time every regular reader of *The Golden Age* knows that we are absolutely right in our stand on the use of aluminum cooking utensils and that *The Scientific American*, *The Literary Digest*, and most of the M.D.'s are dead wrong, and as immune to facts or to reason as the D.D.'s are on the "hell" question. The truth on either subject *offends* the "doctors".

We now ask our readers to note the following dispatch, which appeared in the *Oregon Journal* of January 10, 1930, and to note with particular care "the only explanation local physicians could give for the poisoning". Are the local physicians more afraid of offending the hardware dealers than they are of losing their patients? Looks like it.

The Dalles, Jan. 10.—(U.P.)—Eight local residents were being treated by physicians today in hospitals and homes for food poisoning, contracted yesterday from roast pork and roast veal served at a lunch counter here. All were made violently ill, but were reported improved today, with recovery expected.

The cook at the lunch counter placed the raw meat, surrounded by raw vegetables, in an aluminum roaster the night before, physicians who investigated the affair said. The roaster was placed in the oven and permitted to stand there during the night, without heat being turned on. Early the next morning the oven was warmed and the meat roasted.

A chemical reaction formed by this combination of raw food standing overnight, was the only explanation local physicians could give for the poisoning.

Persons who partook of the roasts were made suddenly and violently ill. Most of them were able to leave the hospital after a few hours' attention.

After writing the foregoing we held it for a time, to see if something further would turn up on this; and surely it did, as anybody can see from what follows. Is it not marvelous how a bright man like Doctor Stricker could not at all discover what caused the poisoning at The Dalles? It seems there was only one thing he was perfectly sure of and that was that the only thing that caused the poisoning could not possibly have caused it. Wise man! Har! Har! The clipping below is from the *Oregon Journal* (Portland) of January 15, 1930. We give the scare head and all, just as it appeared in the *Journal*.

FOOD POISONING, NOT ALUMINUM COOKER, BLAMED FOR ILLNESS

Following an investigation of the poisoning of eight residents of The Dalles by food eaten in a restaurant there January 9, Dr. Frederick Stricker of the state board of health, announced today that the cases were of food poisoning, and an *aluminum cooker*, mentioned as a possible source of the poisoning, had nothing to do with the malady.

All of the victims recovered the following day and detailed investigation was almost impossible. However, facts which were obtainable pointed to ordinary food poisoning, Dr. Stricker said. [Italics ours.]

More Kind Words for the M.D.'s By E. J. Starwalt (California)

IN YOUR December 11 (1929) issue of *The Golden Age* is an article written by Harold L. Dawson which attracted my attention in particular because of the spirit of fairness manifested, and for which I wish to express my appreciation. And in addition I want to say that if the removal of tonsils is such a heinous crime, as some writers would have us believe it to be, then why did Jesus make the statement recorded in Matthew 5: 29, 30? This statement was certainly not meant to apply to the eye or hand alone. If it was, then it meant the right eye and right hand only; the left eye and left hand would have to be retained, no matter how useless they might be to us.

Secondly, as to the diet lists that so frequent-

ly confront us on the printed page, will say that, were we compelled to follow all of these lists (each claimed to be the ideal one), we should soon have no need of food of any kind. My personal feeling in the matter is that most of these lists are an 'abomination of desolation'. They have the appearance of having been compiled by some one who had a special liking for those particular items and is now trying to make all others conform to his way of thinking. To my mind 1 Timothy 4: 3, 4 seems to have special reference to modern diet lists.

It is a human weakness in all matters to go to extremes either for or against a matter, and it seems they never make even an effort to exercise the spirit of a sound mind; consequently

when some one sees a black sheep in a flock, and calls attention to it, immediately the multitude condemn the whole flock and heap the sins of the one upon the heads of all within the fold.

The writer is intimately acquainted with a number of physicians who are still practicing, and with others who have answered their last call in the present order of things, who to the writer's personal knowledge have traveled over many miserable miles of terrible roads, when two horses could scarcely pull the light vehicle through the mud, with rain pouring down in torrents at the same time, and at times a combination of snow or sleet and rain and freezing as fast as it fell, and who in spite of these obstacles continued on his way to relieve the agony of some poor suffering mortal who would in all probability never pay for the service of mercy rendered to him, the kind-hearted physician knowing while he was toiling over those weary miles that he would probably never get any pay for it.

The writer, in his young manhood days, made his home with a physician who had a large rural practice, and whom he has often heard others reprove for going on those long and miserable trips at the sacrifice of his own health, but whose answer always was that he

could not endure to have any one suffer who had appealed to him for aid when it was in his power to relieve him.

Such men were men of sterling worth, men who loved their fellow men, and who considered it a God-given talent to relieve suffering humanity.

So why pick out a few disreputable ones here and there and vent all of our pent-up prejudices against the innocent with the guilty?

The newer lines of practitioners in the relief of human ills have their own black sheep in their flocks; so why go to other folds to give vent to (righteous?) indignation?

Many articles on this subject have made their appearance in the public press within the past few years; some very good, some very bad, some indifferent in some respects, and, I am sorry to say, some of them too silly to be worthy of serious consideration, because the writers were not familiar with their subject.

I am also in full accord with what Mr. Dawson says in regard to the A.M.A.

The same is true, however, in all walks of life in this day, and few who have to work for a living can say that they are not enmeshed or hampered in some way by some organization or merger of some kind.

Again Let the M.D.'s Be Fair *By Frank W. Rogers (New Jersey)*

I AM wondering if Harold L. Dawson (Illinois) is an M. D. in his effort to be fair to them, in an article to that effect published in this valuable *Golden Age*, which strives to get to the people at large as much truth as possible. This article appeared in *The Golden Age* No. 267.

I am replying to said article in behalf of groaning mankind, and most of them in the U. S. A., and elsewhere, are groaning largely as the direct result of M. D. propaganda, surgery, serum, vaccines and toxins.

My fleshly father, Sidney F. Rogers, now dead, not in heaven nor getting cooked, was an M. D. My great grandfather was also an M. D.; neither is he getting roasted. The writer of this was last graduated at the age of 44 years. Let us not stop at an effort to be fair with anything until we arrive at the truth as is, because being fair leaves an opening for some other things besides facts and truth, some of those

other things are parts of the facts, theory, parts of the truth, etc.

Take the word "aluminum", with its Latin ending, and detach the Latin ending; and you will get "alum". Alum is not fit for any stomach, human or otherwise. Years ago alum was dumped by the hundredweight into reservoirs of drinking water of cities, recommended by boards of health whose head officer and health adviser was and still is an M. D. Alum forbids itself to the taste. It is a very powerful astringent. But you say, What is a few hundred pounds of alum in a great reservoir of water? I answer, Indigestion, or an item contributory to that ailment. Oh, yes, alum in the drinking water, in infinitesimal doses distributed over a vast body of water, is indistinguishable and clarifies the water beautifully by shrinking all matters and causing them to settle to the bottom. But, my dear Dawson, what will the alum do to the stomach over a long period of time?

Dietetics? Sure! We are trying to get the people away from metallic iron, for one thing. Please, sir, take into your stomach some iron as prescribed by M. D.'s, tincture iron, muriate, supposedly for your blood, and after a couple of days' dosing catch the feces (bowel movement) in chamber for observation. You will see that the stool is almost black, because the stomach refuses to digest or the intestines to absorb metallic iron. Dietetics teaches people to use vegetable and fruit iron, because it is welcome and absorbed into the blood, etc.

Space, or rather lack of it, will not permit elaboration on any one subject; so I can only hit some of the high spots.

Vivisection, or the cutting up or into living animals, belongs to Moloch, the pagan god, and has no place in God's arrangement, and any material, tangible benefit accruing therefrom is not evident; arguments to the contrary notwithstanding.

Tonsillotomy, or, more correctly speaking, tonsillectomy, is not necessary, provided the groaning peoples could be made to see at this time preventive measures of dietetics to counteract acidosis, in turn producing pus in the human body. Acidosis, with its allied conditions, produces refuse matter, which, in spite of elimination by bowels, must locate somewhere, if produced in sufficient quantity. Saline fruits in season, and saline vegetables, through proper education, that is, dietetics, help largely to allay acidosis or decomposition, the same as saline, such as saltpeter or niter, saves beef in the butcher's market so he can sell it as "corned beef".

If the M. D.'s are not "all wet", they as a class are at least pretty damp. I have stood at an operating table; the patient, a man, was being operated on for hernia (rupture). The surgeon said, "Now, I'll take out his appendix, then he'll never have any trouble with that." Experience teaches us that removal of the appendix sometimes produces adhesions, and, in a large percentage of cases, chronic constipa-

tion; so the appendix is an oil can, if you please, or a factor in bowel lubrication. No, textbooks do not teach this, but observation does. A careful scrutiny of vital statistics covering a period of twenty-five or thirty years will show alarming increase of insanity, coupled with cancer, syphilitic diathesis, etc.

If the medical profession are not after money, why do they insist on vaccination, serums, and toxins? Let us admit that these have prophylactic value, and then admit that they are contributory factors in producing other objectionable conditions, given, of course, favorable constitutional tendencies.

You say, "John is a typical citizen of this planet," etc., and that John represents 90 percent of earth's inhabitants; but if John can be taught how to live better, not right, but better, then you won't be able to say he represents 90 percent of the typical citizens of this planet.

Your primary teacher taught you that three times one are three. You grow to manhood and some fellow tries to convince you that three times one are one, but that does not alter the facts; likewise Gray's *Anatomy* (a recognized authority in its sphere, and, by the way, is so recognized by M. D.'s), teaches that the spinal vertebrae are hollow, and that in a living human the hollow interior has a spinal cord and that the spinal cord gives off nerve trunks between each two vertebrae, right and left. Examination of a skeleton will show the hollows and right and left foramen. Physiology teaches the existence of the spinal cord and nerve trunks; and examination of a cadaver will show them, together with the fact that each nerve trunk goes to supply nerve force, vitality, to organs, tissues, etc. Impingement shuts off nerve force at the base of the nerve trunk at the spine, with resultant trouble. Relieve the impingement and assist the physiological apparatus to resume its healthy function. Medicine won't do this; and neither are three times one, one. Morphine locks up practically all the functions and lessens the chances for recovery.

Exercising the Franchise in Hungary

AT DOROSWA, in Hungary, at an election recently there were two polling stations, one for the government and one for the opposition. As the opposition voters came along they were herded into a cattle market and kept there until closing time, without opportunity to cast

their ballots. General Smedley Butler, in an address in Pittsburgh, reported that in elections in Nicaragua very similar methods were employed, and by that means the great name of America and her claim to stand for freedom and justice were upheld, nix.

Resurrection of Jesus

[Broadcast from Station WBBR, New York, by Judge Rutherford.]

JEHOVAH'S Son Jesus is the great executive officer of the Most High. One of His titles is "the Logos", meaning that He speaks for Jehovah and in harmony with the will of God. Another title is "the Son of the man", meaning that He is the full and rightful owner of everything that the perfect man Adam lost. Before His birth God directed that He should be called Jesus, meaning that He would save the people.

The first essential work toward the salvation of the people was the death of the perfect man Jesus that the ransom price might be provided. The man Jesus could not become the Redeemer and Deliverer of the human race, however, and remain dead. The value of that great sacrifice must be presented in the courts of heaven as the price necessary to obtain the release of mankind from death and the effects thereof. To be sure, God could have appointed some other creature to present that ransom price in the heavenly courts; but it pleased Him to have His beloved Son do so. Therefore Jesus must be raised from the dead. Also, Jehovah had promised Him the kingdom through which the blessings of the people shall be given, and if He remained dead for ever He could not fill the high office of King. The resurrection of Jesus, for these reasons and others, becomes vital to the outworking of God's purpose.

Ask yourself now, Who would be specially interested in preventing the resurrection of Jesus, and, after His resurrection, in keeping the people in ignorance of that great truth? Immediately the answer comes to the mind, Satan the Devil would desire to prevent the resurrection of Jesus, in order that God's purpose to make Him the Savior of the world might be defeated and in order that Jesus might not be the King who will deliver the people from oppression. Satan knew that if Jesus should become the mighty King he, Satan, would be put out. We should expect, also, that Satan would use every person and every possible means to defeat the resurrection of Jesus and prevent the knowledge thereof.

Now I shall present the proof showing that Jesus was put to death as a man and must for ever remain dead as a man; that God raised Jesus up out of death a divine creature and clothed Him with all power in heaven and in earth and that Jesus is alive for evermore.

Furthermore, I submit the proof that Satan used the clergy of that day, first in an effort to prevent the resurrection of Jesus, and then to destroy the evidence or hide the fact of His resurrection. If this proof is made it should give all who believe it a clear vision of the enemy of God and his methods of action, and at the same time plant in the heart of honest men a greater desire to know Jehovah and to do His will.

Resurrection of the dead means an awakening out of death and a standing up again to perfect life. The man Jesus was dead and must remain for ever dead as a man, to the end that His right to live as a human creature might furnish the redemptive price.

The resurrection of Jesus was up to that time the greatest demonstration of God's power ever made manifest to man. The resurrection of Jesus was and is a part of God's great provision for man's deliverance. This being true, it is to be expected that Satan the enemy would do all within his power to prevent the resurrection of Jesus, and, failing in that, he would do everything possible to blind the people to the truth thereof. Such is exactly what is found in the record. It is reasonable to conclude that Satan knew the words of the prophecies. It was written concerning Jesus: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." (Ps. 17: 15) "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Ps. 16: 10, 11) These scriptures are sufficient to show that the resurrection of Jesus was purposed by Jehovah.

Now let the evidence be considered proving that Satan by his agents attempted to prevent the resurrection of Jesus. At the first sober moment following Jesus' death Satan and his clergy would recall the words of Jesus concerning His resurrection. The record is: "Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night,

and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch."—Matt. 27: 62-66.

But how would the chief priests and Pharisees, who composed the clergy of that time, know that Jesus had said that He would arise from the dead on the third day? There is no evidence that He had made such a statement to them or in their presence or hearing. On the contrary, the Scriptures show that Jesus had told His disciples that He would rise on the third day. But He had told them privately, and not even they understood at the time what He meant; but subsequently they did understand it.—Matt. 16: 21; 20: 17-19; Mark 9: 31; Luke 9: 19, 22; 18: 31-33.

The reasonable conclusion is that Satan the enemy knew of the words of Jesus to the disciples, and that he had put the thought into the minds of the Pharisees. Satan would reason that he would, if possible, prevent the resurrection of Jesus; and, failing in this, he would so confuse the minds of the people that they would not believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Satan failed in the first, but he has fairly well succeeded in hiding the truth concerning the resurrection of Jesus. God has given such abundant proof, however, as to the fact of the resurrection of Jesus that all may know, and all will know when their minds are opened to a proper understanding.

By reference to the scriptures just mentioned it is seen that Jesus was careful to tell His disciples, when they were alone, concerning His resurrection. The Pharisees therefore could not have expected His resurrection within three days, unless the enemy had injected such thoughts into their minds. Having received this suggestion from Satan, and having been authorized by Pilate to provide a guard, the clergy hired a guard and put them at the tomb to watch. This guard kept close watch; but in due time there came to the tomb the angel of Jehovah, rolled back the stone from the door, and opened the sepulchre. The guards, greatly frightened by what they saw and heard, hurried away to the city to tell their employers that Jesus had been resurrected from the dead.

At once the unholy triumvirate called a council. In this council are seen the commercial, the political, and the religious element, expressing all the wisdom they had and trying to solve their difficulty. After much deliberation the financial part of the trio raised a large sum of money and passed it into the hands of the clergy, and they in turn bribed the guardsmen to lie, "saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day."—Matt. 28: 13-15.

So well did they work this scheme that for over nineteen centuries a major portion of the peoples of earth have not believed in the resurrection of Jesus. The Devil was able to create such a doubt that many have not known whether His disciples carried away the body. But notwithstanding this effort of the enemy, Jehovah saw to it that an abundance of proof was provided, sufficient to satisfy any searcher for truth then or thereafter that He had raised up His beloved Son out of death.

The Proof

When God raised up Jesus out of death, the great Master did not appear to the clergy that they might see Him and be witnesses. Had He done so they would not have told the truth about it. It will be observed that the Lord never uses evil ones for His official witnesses. Some may talk in His name and yet do so without authority. The Lord chose as witnesses to the resurrection those who had been faithful and those who loved Him.

Matthew was a faithful man. He afterward gave his testimony; and having previously received the promise from the Lord that the words the disciples spoke on earth would be confirmed in heaven, the testimony of Matthew may be taken as importing absolute verity. His testimony is that at the end of the sabbath day, which would be early in the morning of the first day of the week, which we commonly call Sunday, two faithful women made their way to the sepulchre of our Lord. They there saw an angel of the Lord, who appeared in the form of a man. (Matt. 28) "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not

here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre, with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren, that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me."—Matt. 28:5-10.

Following the direction that had been given them, the faithful eleven disciples journeyed to Galilee and into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them, and there they saw and worshiped Him.—Matt. 28:16, 17.

One of the best methods of testing the veracity of witnesses who testify about the same subject matter is to note that their testimony is substantially the same. If one witness tells word for word what the other witness has said, it is almost conclusive proof that both witnesses are telling a falsehood, and that they have manufactured their testimony for a purpose. But where the same cardinal points are set forth in their testimony, then, though told in a different manner, this is strong circumstantial evidence that they are telling the truth. There is a substantial agreement in the testimony of these witnesses. Each one told his story in his own particular way, and told the truth.

The testimony of Mark is practically the same as that of Matthew. (Mark 16:1-7) The testimony of Luke also corroborates that of the other two witnesses above mentioned. He tells that the women went to the sepulcher and found the stone rolled away; that they entered the tomb and that the body of Jesus was gone; and that while perplexed and reasoning about why it was so, two men (angels, in fact) appeared unto them and said: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."—Luke 24:5, 6.

The testimony of John differs somewhat in detail, but is substantially the same as that of the other three narrators. (John 20:1-10) These disciples would gather the facts from the women who were the first to be at the tomb, and each one would tell the facts as he heard

them from their lips and from what he saw. Since there is no difference in the principal facts, there is no reason to doubt the testimony of any of these witnesses. In addition to that, the record was written under inspiration and is safeguarded by the Lord, and therefore can be readily accepted as the truth.

It was God's purpose to make the evidence conclusive concerning the Lord's resurrection, not for the benefit of the enemy, but for the benefit of those who would desire to know either then or thereafter. To this end the Lord Jesus appeared on a number of occasions to His disciples, for a brief space of time on each occasion, and left some striking testimony that would be convincing. He did not appear in the body that was crucified. Had he done so they would have been inclined to think that it was merely the man Jesus that had gone to sleep and had awakened again. Somewhere and in some way Jehovah miraculously disposed of that body. It did not see corruption, because the Lord said it should not see corruption. (Ps. 16:10) When Jesus was raised from the dead He was no longer a man, but, on the contrary, He was the express image of Jehovah, had access to and ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. (Heb. 1:3; Phil. 2:6-11) Such would have been impossible for a human being. "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God."—1 Cor. 15:50.

When Jesus was raised from the dead He declared: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Rev. 1:18) Again He said that all power in heaven and earth was committed into His hands. (Matt. 28:18) Being clothed with all power in heaven and earth, then it follows that our Lord had the power to create a body at will, in which He might appear to His disciples; and this explains how He appeared to them at various times in different bodies. Had He appeared in the body in which He was crucified they would have immediately recognized Him, but it is remembered that when Mary saw Him she did not recognize Him until He spoke to her in His familiar way. His appearances to the witnesses shortly following His resurrection are briefly stated as follows:

On Sunday morning, on the first day of the week, the morning of His resurrection, Mary

Magdalene saw Him near the sepulcher, "and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?" (John 20:14-17) Mary on this occasion thought that He was the gardener, until she heard the sound of His familiar voice.

On the same morning the women returning from the sepulcher saw the Master. "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren, that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me."—Matt. 28:9, 10.

Simon Peter saw Jesus on the same day near Jerusalem. (Luke 24:34) On this same sabbath morning, while walking to Emmaus, two of the disciples were overtaken by Jesus; and He journeyed with them, and they did not recognize Him until He sat with them to eat and blessed the food in His familiar way.—Luke 24:13-21, 30, 31.

On the same Sunday evening, near Jerusalem, ten of the disciples saw Him.—John 20:19-25.

Thereafter He again appeared to the disciples at Jerusalem, when Thomas was with them. This was one week after His resurrection.—John 20:26-29.

A few days later, while seven of His disciples were fishing in the sea of Galilee He appeared to them and held conversation with them.—John 21:1-13.

A few days later He appeared to the eleven on a mountain near Galilee.—Matt. 28:16-20.

Again He appeared to a company of more than five hundred gathered by appointment in Galilee.—1 Cor. 15:6.

On another occasion James saw Him alone.—1 Cor. 15:7.

His last appearance was on the Mount of Olives, to His disciples, at the time of His ascension.—Acts 1:6-9.

Saul of Tarsus had opposed the Lord and persecuted Him. Bent on the slaughter of the disciples of the Lord, Saul was on his journey to Damascus, when suddenly there shone about him a light more brilliant than the sun at noon-day. This was a manifestation of the Lord in His resurrection glory. On this occasion the Lord spoke to Saul and said to him: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." (Acts 9:1-9)

Afterward Saul of Tarsus was called Paul. He accepted the Lord, was begotten and anointed of the holy spirit, and became a special minister of Christ, clothed with power and authority to speak the Word of truth.—1 Cor. 1:1, 2.

Writing concerning the Master, Jesus of Nazareth, Paul said: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve; after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James, then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."—1 Cor. 15:3-8.

Then Paul sets forth an argument clear and convincing, concerning the resurrection of the Lord, in which he proves that Christ Jesus was raised from the dead and that His resurrection was necessary, and that unless He was raised from the dead there is no hope for the human family. But with positiveness he asserts that Christ was raised from the dead and has become the firstfruits of them that slept, and that the resurrection of Christ Jesus was and is a guarantee that in God's due time He would resurrect others who have died. (1 Cor. 15:12-26) The importance of the resurrection of Jesus is at once apparent.

Again Paul wrote that God has appointed a day for the judgment of the world and that He has given assurance of that time, in that He raised up Christ Jesus from the dead.—Acts 17:31.

The beloved Apostle John, faithful and true to the Lord to the end, under inspiration wrote this concerning the Lord Jesus: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."—1 John 1:1-5.

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is proven so cogently and convincingly by the Scriptures that there cannot remain a doubt in the mind of any one who believes that the Bible was written as the Word of God.

Sin-Offering

The value of the perfect human life laid down at the cross, but which right to life survived, constituted the purchase price, or ransom price, which we call merit, as heretofore defined. Jesus died upon the cross, but His right to live was not taken away. There is a vast difference between living and having the right to live. Adam had the right to live, but he sinned. Immediately after the judgment was entered against him his right to life was gone, yet he survived for 930 years. Jesus actually died upon the cross; but, dying as a voluntary sacrifice, His right to life did not perish, but survived. That right to live as a human creature constituted the price to be paid for the release of Adam and his offspring.

It was Adam's commission of sin that caused God to sentence him to death. If Adam or any of his race were ever to be released it must be after the offering for sin is made, which offering must be the ransom price, namely, the merit or valuable thing or right to a perfect human life. This offering must be made in heaven. Therefore, in order for Jesus to present His sin-offering He must be raised from the dead a spirit being and appear in the presence of God in heaven itself and there present the value of His sacrifice at the court of sentence.—Heb. 9:20-26.

The proof is conclusive that Jesus was made flesh and dwelt amongst men; that He suffered death in order that He might provide the redemptive price for men; that God raised Him out of death a divine being and exalted Him to a position above all others in the universe, God alone excepted. "Who, though being in God's form, yet did not meditate a usurpation to be like God, but divested himself, taking a bondman's form, having been made in the likeness of men; and being in condition as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. And therefore God supremely exalted him, and freely granted to him that name which is above every name; in order that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those beneath; and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, for the glory of God the Father."—Phil. 2:6-11, *Diaglott*.

The voluntary death of Jesus Christ was the greatest exhibition of love ever made by a creature. His death provided the price of man's redemption. His resurrection from the dead makes certain the establishment of His righteous government, through which all the peoples of earth shall have an opportunity for the blessings of life, liberty and happiness. The sufferings of Jesus were not essential to the ransom, but these were vitally essential in the outworking of God's purposes. On the next occasion here consideration will be given to the sufferings of Christ and why such were permitted by His Father.

Give Mollie a Chance *By C. W. Miller (Kansas)*

AS A reporter I would be a farce, as I am unable to picture to you one of the wonders of this world.

Her name is Mollie and she runs a help-yourself restaurant in Sharon Springs, Kansas. If you ever stop here, give Mollie a chance, for you will be convinced that the Millennium has already been ushered in.

While it is true that the long tables are covered with oil cloth, and paper napkins for your bib, Mollie serves all you can eat by using deep vegetable dishes for the food and always keeping them well filled. Here's the menu for last Wednesday evening:

Sirloin steak, potatoes, navy beans, lima beans, corn, peas, spinach, green olives, onions, two kinds of jelly, two kinds of homemade bread, and two kinds of cake, five kinds of dessert, all served in big dishes, and you can have all five kinds if able to consume them all.

Anything to drink; and when we ordered iced tea (it was a very warm day) they brought us in a glass and then left a full pitcher. My wife and I had three each.

All you do is carry your soiled plate into the kitchen where Mollie is and pay fifty cents a plate.

Bible Questions and Answers

QUESTION: Will husband and wife live together after the resurrection is completed, if both are in harmony with God?

Answer: The Scriptures do not reveal what the relationship of men and women will be after the resurrection is completed. The most that we know is that there will be no children born during the last 100 years of the Millennium (Isa. 65:20), nor any born after that, because men and women do not have children after they reach the age of 100 years. Whether the identity of the sexes, as such, will be preserved, we do not know. There have been some well authenticated instances in which women have been transformed into men, and it is possible that this transformation may become general and we shall all be brothers together.

Question: Is it right to accept a pension from the government?

Answer: Most certainly it is. A pension is a

confession of obligation by a government that it owes the pensioner for services already rendered and which were not adequately compensated for at the time the work was done. This is a separate question from whether or not one should enter the employ of the government, though the government has many kinds of work in which the most conscientious Christian could engage without hesitation. How could it injure the eternal interests of a Christian to sell postage stamps, or deliver letters, or build levees, or work in the printery or weather bureau or bureau of fisheries or department of labor? But the Christian should properly draw the line at engaging in occupations which might require him to take human life. However, if he has previously worked in such departments, and been inadequately paid, we see no reason why he should refuse back compensation freely given to others who rendered the same service as he did.

The Children's Own Radio Story By C. J. W., Jr.

Story Forty-nine

THE band of men which the high priest had sent to capture Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane was for the most part rough fellows, as we would say, "toughs," of the streets of Jerusalem, but among them were a few of the high priests' own servants, and some of the Roman constabulary.

These fellows were armed with swords and sticks and staves, presenting the appearance of a body of invaders ready to storm a stronghold, instead of capturing one innocent and gentle man.

Jesus said to them, as He was being led away out of the garden, "Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me." Then the Bible says, "But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." For many hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus, David and others had written of the coming of the Messiah, and how the people would reject and persecute Him, and put Him to death.

The assembly, with Jesus in their midst, proceeded in disorderly fashion to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where a group of the

elders and scribes and Pharisees of the temple were waiting in readiness to question Jesus.

Now at this point we are sorry to have to say of the disciples that their weakness as human beings overcame, for a time, their strength of faith in Jesus; for the Bible tells us that when the men laid hold of Jesus to take Him away, 'His disciples forsook Him, and fled.' For the moment, human impulses and the human fear of death got the better of the disciples, and they ran away, as any other men would probably have done under the same conditions. But Jesus knew their weaknesses, and also knew their hearts, so He was not angry with them.

But one of the disciples turned and came back into the crowd that bore Jesus away, and went with them to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, and waited below while Jesus was being questioned in the priest's chamber.

This was Peter, who had said so recently, 'Lord, I will go with thee, even unto death.' And we remember that the Lord made answer, 'I tell thee, Peter, that ere the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.'

Now Peter sat in the servant's hall of the high priest's palace, waiting to hear the out-

come of Jesus' trial. One of the young girls in the employ of the high priest approached Peter and said: "Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee." But Peter answered her with a shake of his head, and said, "I know not what thou sayest." So that was the first time Peter denied his Lord.

Then Peter arose and walked to another part of the hall, where he was met by another handmaid of the high priest, who said, addressing those who were standing around, "This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth." And Peter, with an oath, denied Christ again, saying, "I do not know the man."

And a little later several persons came up to him, and said, "Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee." The followers of Jesus, of course, did not speak as the common men of those times, who cursed and used very bad language. But Peter, to prove he was *not* "one of them", answered the people in the servant's hall with curses, and said, swearing a tremendous oath, "I know not the man." And just then a cock in one of the out-buildings attached to the palace crowed long and loudly!

Then Peter suddenly remembered the words

of Jesus, 'Ere the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice.' and he was overcome with remorse and shame, and went out of the servant's hall into the bleak night, where dawn was just showing faintly over the top of the Mount of Olives. And the Bible says of this incident, that Peter "wept bitterly". And we need not feel very sorry for Peter, for he was one of the beloved of the Lord, and had seen the glorious things that Jesus did, and had heard His words of life and truth, and should not have been ashamed to own that he was a follower of Jesus. Rather, he should have proclaimed with a loud voice the name of his Master, and glorified Him before the servants of the high priest. But Peter was ashamed of his cowardice, as we see; so we may be sure there was good in his heart, which the Lord saw, and so overlooked his weaknesses.

Now the chief priest and the elders questioned Jesus, asking Him if He was really the Son of God. When Jesus answered, 'You say that I am,' the miserable old high priest accused Him of blasphemy, and wanted more than ever to put Him to death. But the Jewish council demanded that Jesus be taken before Pilate, the Roman governor.

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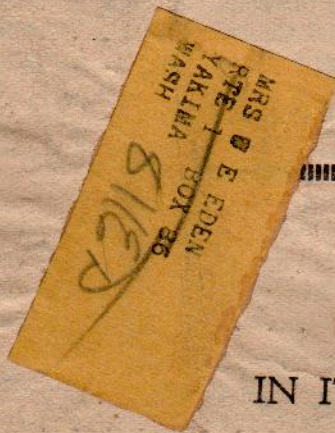
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Demonism in Its Latest Aspects *(In Two Parts)*

Part II

A DEMON-CRAZED WORLD

ONE of the first steps toward being entrapped in demonism is to place reliance upon "signs" and thus to stray away from reliance upon God and His Word and seek guidance otherwise, that is, from the demons. It is astonishing in what a variety of forms demon-worship has manifested itself. We mention some of the ancient and modern forms alphabetically, and we do not claim that the list is complete. It is not.

Aeromancy: Divination (invocation of the demons; prophesying) by the state of the air or from the atmospheric substances.

Alectryomancy (or Alektoromancy): Divination by means of a cock encircled by grains of corn placed on the letters of the alphabet, the letters being then put together in the order in which the grains were eaten.

Aleuromancy, Alplitomancy: Divination by flour or meal.

Anthropomancy: Divination by the entrails of a human sacrifice.

Arithmancy: Divination by numbers.

Aruspiecy or Haruspiecy: Divination by interpretation of lightning and natural prodigies.

Astrology: Divination by the stars and planets.

Austromancy: Divination by the observance of winds.

Axinomancy: Divination by a balanced ax or hatchet.

Belomancy: Divination by arrows.

Bibliomancy: Divination by passages of Scripture taken at random.

Bletonism: Divination by power of locating subterranean waters, as by sensation. Named after Bleton, a Frenchman, who early in the 19th century claimed this faculty.

Botanomancy: Divination by herbs.

Capnomancy: Divination by smoke from the altar.

Cartomancy: Divination by means of playing cards.

Catoptromancy: Divination by mirrors.

Ceromancy: Divination by dropping melted wax in water.

Chaomancy: Divination by appearances in the air.

Chartomancy: Divination by written paper.

Chiromancy: Divination by the hand.

Cleromancy: Divination by dice or throwing lots.

Coscinomancy: Divination by the balanced or suspended sieve.

Crithomancy: Divination by the dough of cakes offered in sacrifice.

Crystallomancy: Divination by crystal gazing.

Daetyliomancy: Divination by finger rings.

Extispicy: Divination by the entrails of animals sacrificed.

Geloscropy: Divination by the mode of laughing.

Genethliacs: Divination by the stars at birth.

Geomancy: Divination by aspects of the earth.

Gyromancy: Divination by walking in a circle.

This is performed by drawing a ring or circle and walking in or around it until the walker falls from dizziness, the prognostication being drawn from the place of the fall.

Halomancy: Divination by salt.

Hieroscropy: Divination by observing the objects offered in sacrifice.

Hydromancy: Divination by water.

Hypnotism: Control of one mind by another, probably by intentional or unintentional invocation of the aid of demons. The hypnotized person is put into a state resembling sleep, but hypnosis differs from

normal sleep and breaks down the human will.

Ichthyomancy: Divination by fishes' entrails.

Lithomancy: Divination by precious stones.

Meteoromancy: Divination by meteors.

Myomancy: Divination by movements of mice.

Necromancy: Divination by pretended talking with the dead.

Nomancy: Divination by letters.

Numerology: Divination by numbers, as by day of birth or month of birth, etc.

Oenomancy: Divination by the color and peculiarities of wine.

Onieromancy: Divination by dreams.

Onomancy: Divination by the letters forming the name of the person.

Onychomancy: Divination by the finger nails as reflecting the sun's rays.

Ophiomancy: Divination by observation of serpents.

Orniscopy, Ornithomancy: Divination by observation of the flight of birds.

Palmistry: Divination by the hand.

Pegomancy: Divination by springs and fountains.

Pessomancy: Divination by pebbles.

Potiomancy: Divination by the making of love potions.

Psychoanalysis: The Modern Confessional; an explanation of the mysteries of life resting on a sex basis. A so-called "scientific" method of polluting the minds of women and girls.

Psychomancy: Divination by "ghosts".

Pyromancy: Divination by the sacrificial fire.

Rhabdomancy: Divination by means of a wand or rod. It is interesting in this connection to note that divining rods are said to be always made of *witchhazel*; a curious thing, to say the least, if the demons have nothing to do with divining rods.

Scapulimancy: Divination by reading the cracks and burnt spots after scorching the animal's shoulder blades over coals of fire.

Sciomancy: Divination by consulting the shades of the dead.

Sideromancy: Divination by observing straws burning on red-hot iron.

Sortilege: Divination by drawing lots.

Stichomancy: Divination by lines or passages from books.

Tephromancy: Divination by the ashes of the

altar on which a victim has been consumed in sacrifice.

Theomancy: Divination by the responses of oracles.

Voodooism: A form of sorcery, which, in its worst forms, includes murder, human sacrifices and cannibalism.

Felinomancy—Tunicomancy—Ichthyomancy

In Burma and Siam cats in the heathen temples are believed to enshrine the spirits of the dead. In Japan they are credited with the power to bewitch humans. Chaliapin, the Russian singer, was unwilling to perform in any theater where he saw a black cat.

In ancient Sweden the demons kidded the old Vikings into thinking that in the place where they were going, Valhalla, they would need their best battle clothes, and so it is still the idea in some parts of Sweden that when a man dies after having been a faithful husband, the shirt in which he was married goes to heaven with him. What happens if he wears this shirt out in the strenuous battle of life is not stated. If his wife dies first and he is married again, he must destroy his first shirt on the eve of his second wedding.

In June, 1931, a woman, evidently laboring under a form of ichthyomancy brought into the State Hospital, Far Rockaway, a suburb of New York city, a four-month-old baby evidently choking to death. The doctor held the baby by the legs and shook her; a goldfish fell from her mouth, whereupon the mother said she had fed the child the goldfish as a cure for whooping cough. She expected that the cough would leave the child and enter the goldfish.

Catoptromancy—Potiomancy—Voodooism

In its issue of August 28, 1929, the New York *Times* gives the following interesting suggestion as to how people became involved in this particular form of deception:

When people came to use polished metal instead of a woodland pool for a mirror, you can be sure they treasured these as a very intimate part of their own personality. And when glass came into use, what more logical belief could they have than that when their precious mirrors were broken their ghost self too was destroyed? So, if you broke a mirror, you were out of luck with no kind friend working for you in the land of spirits, dreams and mystic hidden things. You would have to wait until a new self was created in the physical world so that there would be a corresponding new self in this world of reflection. In other words, you would have to wait seven years.

So generally did people come to believe that breaking a mirror brought bad luck that they forgot all the explanation lying back of their belief.

In its issue of April 19, 1931, the *New York Times* narrates the following which took place in Czechoslovakia:

The disinterment of the body of a child from a cemetery for the preparation of a love philter marked an almost unbelievable case of superstition in Zipser Neudorf. A widow named Andrejeak who had a love affair with a railroad employee, Joseph Koery, thought she detected signs that her admirer's affection was cooling. On the advice of a gypsy she went one night to the cemetery and disinterred the body of a child which had been buried the day before. A gendarme meeting her accidentally on her way home arrested her. On her confession that she intended to use the body for secret ceremonies incidental to the preparation of a love potion, both she and the gypsy who had advised her were committed for trial.

Referring to voodooism, in its issue of December 23, 1928, the *New York Times* says:

The so-called Leopard Society and the Society of the Tiger bear strong resemblance to the medieval werewolf superstition, which was the belief that witches had the power to change their forms into those of animals. The initiates dress themselves in the skins of animals when they are about to embark upon their mischief. Prominent among the voodoo rites is the inducement of trances and frenzies by the beating of tomtoms, by monotonous chanting, by rhythmic dancing, by fasting and by the use of drugs. So firm is the belief of the savagery in the efficacy of the witch doctors' power that the mere warning that he has been appointed to die at a certain time is said to be sometimes sufficient to kill him.

Epistolomancy—Capsulomancy—Biombomancy

In its issue of April 26, 1931, the *Atlanta Journal* tells of the president of a department store as personally taking the time to forward a chain letter. This letter was in his own handwriting and contained the following sentences, and the other man in this case was simpleton enough and coward enough and enough under the influence of the demons that he did not dare say nay: "Send this letter to twelve friends within twenty-four hours. If you don't do this, serious trouble will follow. If you do send it, you may expect good luck."

The soothsayers of East India break eggs against a board and study the size of the bits of shell and the positions into which they fall to foretell events.

It is well known that the most beautiful screens sold throughout Christendom come from

China. In its issue of December 23, 1928, the *New York Times* says on this:

The original use of China's beautiful screens was to obstruct and confound devils. It seems that a Chinese devil can travel only in a straight line. It cannot turn a corner. So when it meets a screen across its path there is nothing for it to do but to retire in confusion and embarrassment.

Mussolini a Cartomancer

The *Atlanta Journal* of April 26, 1931, says: "It is well-known that Mussolini never makes an important move without first consulting the cards, which he deals himself." There are gamblers who refuse to play cards if a dealer is left-handed.

In addition to the foregoing, it is believed that Mussolini's reluctance at receiving guests is prompted by his fear of being cursed by the "evil eye" known in Italy as "la jettatura". The *Catholic Review* in its issue of December 8, 1928, says:

In Italy especially the evil eye has been believed in and guarded against for centuries. It is known as "la jettatura" and many persons were and still are known as "jettatori", or possessors of the evil eye, who have the quality of injuring all on whom they look, even against their own will. Those who meet them cross their fingers or make the sign of the cross or touch some charm against the evil eye.

Miscellaneous Superstitions

Ancient contracts for the purchase of real estate have been brought to light which show upon their faces that the curse of the king of heaven and earth, the sun god, and other gods, were written into contracts.

There are some superstitions that seem to have a shred of common sense about them, as, for instance, the one against passing under a ladder. It stands to reason that one is less likely to be hit with something dropped from a ladder if he goes around it than if he goes under it.

The hot cross-bun has no reference to the cross of Christ, but dates back to offerings made to the gods in the days of Pharaoh.

In parts of Great Britain it is regarded as unlucky for a mine if a woman enters it or if a miner meets a woman when first leaving a mine or leaving his home to enter one.

Some people are superstitious about two-dollar bills; some think a hangman's rope is lucky; some actors think Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* is unlucky; some theater managers refuse to allow yellow costumes in their plays;

some think it is unlucky to open an umbrella in the house; some think iron is magical; some are careful to make no gifts of knives; some actors will not sit on a trunk; some dancers refuse to discard old shoes until completely worn out; some think the touch of a gold ring will cure a sty; some think that one who turns over a mattress on Christmas day will die in the ensuing year; some think a book placed at the head of a newly born child will make him quick at reading; some think toothache can be avoided by putting the right stocking on before the left; some gamblers think they change their luck by walking around their chair; some think the four-leaf clover is lucky; some old sailors think the sound of the waves foretells certain events; some persons in the coal mining regions think that when the clothing of a child is buried, the evil spirits go out of it; and some persons think that if a baby cries at its christening it wards off the Devil, but if a baby does not cry it will grow up wicked and cross-tempered.

All Kinds of Bait

But now see what you can get when you are willing to go farther, for just one magazine offers to provide its readers with a training in the following subjects: crystals, ouija boards, yoga philosophy, clairvoyance, occult powers, seership, mediumship, sex regeneration science, dynamic thought, mind power, personal magnetism, mental science, psychoanalysis, metaphysics, "new thought," mental healing, suggestive therapeutics, constructive occultism, esoteric philosophy, Rosicrucian philosophy, psychic research, theosophy, astrology, numerology, etc.

But that isn't all. There is a widespread belief in charms of all kinds. Some of these are as follows: Garlic is used as a charm against vampire bats in Bolivia, where they really have vampire bats and where it is perhaps some protection to the people to have strings of it around their necks or the necks of cows, horses and mules; but the odd thing about it is that in Hungary, in the Middle Ages, the people hung garlic over their beds because they believed in *human* vampires. Quite likely the demons carried this information from the wilds of Hungary to the wilds of Bolivia before there was any visible connection between the two countries.

Widespread Belief in Charms

The Romans, Greeks, Egyptians and Orientals believed that a precious stone, a piece of writing or a ring tied around the neck would

ward off all evil, and though they do not know it, that is probably the reason why to this day women wear wreaths and trinkets around their necks, and why every good Catholic is supposed to do so. In other words, this is a bid for demoniacal protection.

In rural Denmark, before a new-born infant is put into its cradle, the women place amulets there to prevent evil spirits from hurting the child. Along with the amulets are placed bread, garlic and something made from steel. These are just so many recognitions of and just so many bids to the demons.

During the World War, hundreds of thousands of men went into battle carrying charms supplied by their friends and relatives. Some of these were written charms; all of them, in effect, bids to the demons, and therefore recognition of them.

In the occult magazines there are advertisements of talismanic jewelry. These talismans are made in accordance with old alchemic laws in which each metal is supposed to focus the rays of the beneficent planets. This point will be discussed under the heading of astrology when we get to it, shortly.

Gamblers are such believers in luck, that is, in the powers of the demons to control their affairs, that some of them have watch chains famous for their size, and for the charms depending from them. Some gamblers have been known to have a charm depending from every link. Tigers' claws, rabbits' feet, engagement rings, lucky stones, medicated rings, love charms and magic squares are all charms that have their devotees to this day.

A magic square is an arrangement of numbers in the form of a square so that in every column and in each of the two diagonals all the numbers add up alike; and this brings us to numerology, which will also be mentioned elsewhere.

Ouija Boards and Planchettes

One of the first steps in the road to ruin by the evil angels is the use of the ouija board or planchette. These apparently innocent devices, freely advertised as games and sold everywhere, have led thousands of people into demonism. Husbands and wives working together over these things have both gone insane.

A woman who became a planchette medium and then a writing medium finally became obsessed. She experienced pains at the base of the brain, her sleep was interrupted, her health

began to fail, and the intelligence that had communicated with her took full command of her body so that she no longer was a free agent. Voices sounded in her head, sometimes as many as four at once, talking with one another and freely conversing about her. Some commended her conduct; others blamed her, swore at her, cursed her and called her names so vile that she could hardly bear them. At length they urged her to commit suicide.

In the London *Daily News* of January, 1929, a gentleman tells us about his experiences with the planchette. He says:

I did not believe all the planchette wrote, and one evening, shortly after I had found out that it did not always tell the truth, I told the company present that I had finished with it and that it was of the Devil and that I was going to tell it so. I did, and you may imagine our surprise when it bounded out of my hand, flew across the room, and bounded back again into the wall, as if it were in a temper. I consider spiritualism to be a serious menace to mind and body. For days after using the planchette I could scarcely use my arm, such power had gone out of it.

The Devil is always bringing out something new to help those who are willing to surrender to him. Thus *The Fellowship Forum* of September, 1930, describes the invention of a Belgian professor for receiving supposed messages from the dead, consisting of two glass prisms, a dry battery and an electric bell. This, of course, is merely a modified form of the ouija board.

Automatic Writing

From using the mechanical devices of demonism, it is an easy step to spirit writing, but when a man whose own hand the demons used to produce a beautifully drawn picture of his mother became angry and took the picture and threw it into the flames, he was immediately subjected to torments and was also ordered to commit suicide.

The Watchtower tells us that there are two kinds of writing mediums: one in which the control is what is termed 'mechanical control', and then the connection between arm and brain is entirely severed and yet the manifestation is made through what is called the nervous fluids, a certain portion of which is retained in the arm for the purpose of action; but when the manifestation is what is called an 'impressional manifestation', then the brain and the entire nervous system is used.

Basil King, in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, says of himself:

"In writing these articles, I am little more than an amanuensis, and I am at liberty to take a detached and appraising view of this presentation of a great topic for the sheer reason that the presentation is not mine."

He goes on to say, in effect, that these evil spirits are good Christian Scientists and that they are the ones really responsible for the silly chatter that "all is good, there is no evil"; for when asked why they never expressed themselves on what human creatures call 'faults', the demons said: "We do not know them. We look upon you and see all the good, never any evil. We cannot perceive evil and are conscious only of blanks when it is present." This shows that these are not from God; for God declares that His eyes are in every place "beholding the evil and the good".

The demons not only have produced writing and painted pictures, but have composed poetry and drawn architectural details. A woman in St. Paul, Minn., in March, 1928, who had never studied Egyptian mythology or had a lesson, revealed a definite knowledge of the days of the Pharaohs. She did not know whence the knowledge came, but we can tell her that it came from one of those old birds that were practicing this same game of deception in Egypt itself while Pharaoh was still alive and on the job.

Charles Hanson Towne, in a copyrighted article in the New York *American* of November 24, 1931, tells of his experiences in connection with automatic writing:

One Sunday afternoon I happened to be reading a book in my rooms and was quite alone. Suddenly, and for no reason which I have ever been able to explain, I was seized with an impulse to try automatic writing. I closed my novel and went solemnly to my desk. I remember feeling a little foolish as I picked up pencil and paper, for the sunlight was streaming in at the windows. My hand moved indolently across the paper, and the pencil made curlicues for a long time. Then, as if through some force beyond my will, words began to form; indeed, they raced across the page. The letters came faster than I have ever been able to write: "Do not be afraid. I am Cas [the nickname of one of my deceased friends]." I was naturally not a little frightened, but I kept on. "Do not be afraid," the writing continued, "your sister Minnie has just come through." Really alarmed now, I asked aloud: "Do you mean that my sister is dead?" "Yes," the paper revealed. "She had pneumonia." Then it was that I made note of the time, as I was sure I had something of importance for the Psychical Research Society. I had such a sister in the far West, from whom I had

not heard in a long time. So I put pencil and paper aside, rushed out of the house to the nearest telegraph office, and wired to my sister, inquiring how she was. The answer came in a short while, "Never better. What is the matter with you?" This happened in 1918 and my sister is still alive. Who can account for such a bewildering experience? I am sure now that Theodore Dreiser was right when he told all us younger people, so long ago, hearing of our "experiments", not to go on with them. "That way madness lies," he quoted. And yet, in the light of what occurred that sunny afternoon, one cannot help wondering. I am wondering still.

The cerebellum of the brain is the power house of the body, and it is from this center that the evil spirits seek control over the reasoning faculties located in the cerebrum, and over the whole body. Contact with these demons causes the victims to lose sleep, to become dizzy, and to have a constant headache in the base of the brain. A gentleman who got into the trap through a ouija board and became a writing medium said:

I was ashamed to go to a doctor, so I simply had to wear this uncanny spell off. In my sleep I was tortured by hot, strangling fumes, and a sensation as if something was pushing me headlong over a cliff, and would wake from the sound of pencils rattling. To abuse or bruise the mind or make it the tool of unknown and unscrupulous agents is unhealthy and dangerous business.

Spirit Pictures and Levitation

The demons have power to draw and paint pictures, and they can do this either through using the human hand or through making use of the ectoplasm exuded from the medium. They have directed the staging of a play, and they play musical instruments, such as guitars, harps and bells, and produce a variety of other sounds. They do various lifting feats, such as the elevation of tables and chairs off the floor. A mechanical engineer who attended a seance gives the following data:

Although a heavy man sits upon the table, it moves about the floor with great ease; or, the table being levitated, a strong man pushing from the top cannot depress it to the floor; or the table moves to the side of the circle farthest from the medium, and an experimenter is asked to lay hold of it and try to prevent its return to the center, but he is totally unable to do so; or the table's weight can be temporarily so much increased that it cannot be lifted, or, on the other hand, so much reduced that it can be raised by an upward force of an ounce or two; or the table, being turned upside down on the floor, cannot be raised by a strong pull on the legs, being apparently fastened to the floor.

The same writer, after recording a number of experiments seeming to show the use of levers and suckers of great power emanating from the body of the medium, said respecting the sitters at the seance:

The sitters supply most of the energy required for the manifestations, and this energy is taken in some unknown form from their bodies. If a person is in poor health the drain of vital energy may be disastrous.

After such an experience as above it is noted that the medium comes to himself with feeble, uncertain, scarcely perceptible pulse, a little deaf, extremities cold, sensationless, taking some time for recovery. Sometimes a medium has to cease from seances altogether for a period of weeks.

Control of Voice and Sense of Smell

Demons have power over the voices of those they obsess and have vocal powers of their own. A gentleman who had experience with them says:

They could imitate the manner of speech peculiar to my relatives and acquaintances, and so exactly did they give the particular intonation and inflections of voice that I would have been compelled to believe the imitation to be the real had they not also imitated the voices of some whom I knew to be living. Upon one occasion that occurs particularly to my mind, the voice, style of address, and intonation were so exactly personified that for the moment I felt positive that the gentleman and the lady represented had deceased, and that their disembodied spirits were before me. But when I knew by the evidence of my physical senses that it was not the case, I was then convinced that the spirits were presenting assumed characters. All my experiences with these creatures who surround us in the air sum up this distinct conclusion: that they delight in evil as their chief object, and especially that branch of evil called deception. If any one thing pleases them more than any other, it is to make those in the earth-life believe the most monstrous and absurd theories.

The Watchtower contains a story of a fine singer who was approached clairaudiently by evil spirits who promised that, if she would surrender her will to them, they would make her the finest singer in the world. Alarmed, she refused, and her voice shortly began to fail until now its beauty is all gone; but the Lord gave her the truth instead.

As the demons have the power to produce impressions on the organs of sight, hearing and touch, so they are also able to affect the sense

of smell, and there are several well authenticated instances where at seances and at time of death and even in insane asylums they did produce odors recognized as sandalwood, roses, violets, and what have been lyingly put as the "sweet, wild odors of the heaven land", but the truth of the business is that when the origin of these odors is known, the worst-kept barnyard would, to the nose of any honest person, be attar of roses by comparison.

Demonism at the Capital

In February, 1929, Washington, D.C., was said to have seventy-two astrologists, card readers, clairvoyants, cosmologists, crystal gazers, fortune tellers, letterologists, metaphysicians, palmists, tea leaf readers, trance mediums and witch doctors. The licenses cost \$25 apiece and are good for a year. Their offices are said to be well filled with prominent people much of the time. If they have only 100 clients apiece, that would still represent 7,200 families, or approximately 30,000 people, and shows the very large influence that the occult has in Washington.

The Washington *Star* of February 10, 1929, discussing the various occult (demonistic) practitioners then practicing in Washington, has the following to say about tea leaf reading:

Up-to-date tea rooms now have professional fortune tellers on their staffs and a reading of tea leaves is thrown in with a meal. This childish practice seems to have gripped the imagination of a part of the feminine public. It probably was not at first intended to be taken seriously, but the fact remains that many patrons in expensive fur coats do take it seriously and go back again and again. The claim is that the "vibrations" of the patron's hand in holding the teacup serve to arrange the leaves in symbolic designs which, interpreted by a specialist, are significant of the past and future. The tea-leaf reader usually is a clairvoyant, and if the curiosity of the customer is sufficiently whetted by the revelations of the leaves she will reveal more of the designs of the infinite at a private sitting.

Crystal Gazing—Chiromancy—Halomancy

There is in the National Museum at Washington a globe of glass fourteen inches in diameter and weighing 110 pounds, which it is known that several senators and representatives regularly visit on certain days of each week. What would you think of a "statesman" sent to Washington to safeguard the interests of the people who would spend any time looking in a glass ball trying to find which way he should jump when the party whip cracks?

In July, 1931, there were in New York city and vicinity 200 palm-reading gypsy camps, or groups of chiromancers.

The New York *Times* says that no one knows how Halloween originated, but it gives the following information as to how divination was originally practiced on Halloween night:

A man who put a spoonful of salt in his mouth, drank no water and walked away in silence to a place where three crossroads met and sat thereon on a three-legged stool, was rewarded at midnight by hearing a sepulchral voice announce the name of the neighbor who would die within the year. On his return to his home and the water bucket it was his privilege to make the news known, and with the victim's wife sewing on the shroud, the preacher asking him to prepare and the neighbors inquiring solicitously about his health, it often came to pass that the prophecy was fulfilled. In Scotland to this day the housewife empties a thimble of salt on every breakfast plate before going to bed, and if in the morning the salt has fallen out of shape on any plate it is believed that that individual might as well get ready, for the bell has rung for him.

Astrology—Divination by the Stars

The idea of the astrologer that Saturn and the moon are evil 'planets' and Jupiter and Venus are good ones is, of course, perfectly silly, as is also the theory that all the children born in a given area at a given time will have exactly the same conditions of life, death, love and disaster, yet to our day tens of thousands, perhaps millions, of people are interested in astrology.

There are a number of magazines devoted to it; some newspapers make references to it in every issue; and some of the so-called great financiers of Wall Street (who are responsible for getting the world into the jam in which it now is) will do nothing of consequence until they have consulted their astrologer to determine whether the move is going to be lucky or unlucky. Some astrologers charge \$50 a reading. Some clients are furnished with a daily service suggesting the exact hours which are lucky or unlucky for them. There are astrologers that make incomes of \$50,000 a year.

Throughout much of 1931 a tooth paste company employed a woman to broadcast lectures on this worse than nonsense over the Columbia network. A book from this woman went through four editions in two months. In the ten-cent stores, millions are invited to purchase little books and to "read the answer in the stars".

God, the Bible, Jesus, and everything else that

has any real hope for humanity, is missing from astrology. People look as they look and are what they are because they were or were not born under the influence of certain planets!

Early in 1928 a large department store in New York city featured astrological silk scarfs, each scarf having "your sign and birth mark hand-embroidered in the corner". One could also buy zodiacal hats, shoes, hosiery, belts, jewelry and handkerchiefs.

Astrology in the White House

One reason for the current interest in astrology is given by the Washington *Evening Star* in its issue of February 12, 1929:

Three strange ladies called at the home of an astrologer in the spring of 1920 and asked to have their horoscopes cast. They did not give their names. She told one of them that her husband would be the next president of the United States. This lady was the late Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

No doubt Harding had already been nominated at the time the above-mentioned interview took place, and, without a doubt in our minds, the astrologer either knew Mrs. Harding from her public photographs or was a spirit medium, and the demon in control of her identified Mrs. Harding and the guess that Harding would be elected turned out to be a good one.

The spiritists claim that Abraham Lincoln was a spiritist; that he frequently attended seances and that the Emancipation Proclamation was the result of advice received at a seance. We doubt this, and think it likely that this is merely another one of their lies.

However, we do know that today there are relatively few of the so-called great men of the world who have any real faith in Jehovah God or in the Bible as His Word. Practically the whole world has been led astray on this subject and is leaning for help upon the doctrines of demonism.

Astrology a Bunk Science

The modern science of astronomy had its rise in astrology. Long after the astronomers knew there is no truth in astrology they continued to make some recognition of it because only so could they obtain from wealthy patrons the means wherewith to continue their honest scientific investigations.

No one denies the potent influence of the sun and, to a lesser extent, of the moon, upon earth's affairs and that they pour down sufficient light to make a difference in respect to crops, tides,

weather, etc.; but all attempts to identify the stars or planets as having any appreciable influence on earth's affairs are futile.

There is a custom among foresters that timber cut while the moon is waning is less liable to rot than if cut at other times. It is doubtful if this custom rests on any scientific basis.

In July, 1927, the Astrologer's Guild undertook to prognosticate by the stars from day to day the weather for the month of August of that year. The result was a complete failure, as the guesses were right in only six out of a possible thirty-one.

The so-called "astrological tables" are entirely inaccurate, and, indeed, as the ancient astrologers were unfamiliar with the precession of the equinoxes, their months are now some ten days askew.

Astrology Is Sun Worship

The widespread buying of swastikas a few years ago was a recognition of the interest aroused in America by that branch of astrology commonly called "sun worship", inasmuch as the swastika is the Egyptian symbol of it.

In the Middle Ages astrologers were assistants to the doctors and surgeons. They studied the skies and fixed the hour when the patient could have his arm or leg chiseled or sawed off with the least danger. One of the ancient astrologers advised the faithful that the best time to take a bath is in May. We recommend this to present-day enthusiasts.

Mesmer, the hypnotist, was originally a student of astrology and naturally and gradually went over into that form of demonism with which his name is associated.

Traces of astrology are to be found in the unwillingness of certain actors to start a new play on Friday or of business men to start a trip on Friday or of certain people to call in a doctor on Friday.

Superstitions respecting the doing or not doing of certain things in certain phases of the moon rest upon a somewhat similar basis, but some of these it may be suspected have a moiety of truth in them.

The reason a horseshoe is considered lucky is that it bears a partial resemblance to the moon in the second quarter. The horseshoe stands for good luck everywhere, in Hindustan as well as in Europe and America.

We read the other day of a man's coming out of his own house where he had himself tacked a

horseshoe over the door. He slammed the door a little too hard; off came the horseshoe and hit him on the head, knocking him senseless. Just how that horseshoe brought him good luck, we leave it for others to explain.

Witchcraft and Bug Worship

The demons have distorted and misused everything in connection with God's wonderful creation. Thus they deceived many of the ancients into believing that the rainbow is a bridge or road by which the spirits of the departed reach their home in the heavens.

That the demons are back of witchcraft in its various forms is proven by the beliefs and rituals that are common to all who practice it, whether among the Negroes of Africa, the hill tribes of East India, the Devil worshipers of Tibet, the shamans of Siberia, or some of the German farmers of Pennsylvania. Concerning these practices the *New York Times* of February 23, 1928, says:

One practice invariably found in all centers of magic, despite the barriers of land, sea, language or race, is that of modeling in clay, wax or some other substance the effigy of the person whom the witch doctor wishes to destroy, and burning the image, sticking pins into it, or otherwise maltreating it. The idea is that the practice will cause the person to suffer and eventually to die.

As showing the meanness and smallness of soul of the demons, consider how they have deceived the poor Hindus into thinking that if they kill a bedbug they may have put out of business the reincarnated soul of an ancestor. A wealthy Hindu recently left \$100,000 for the building and endowment of bug houses in central India. Poor travelers are allowed to sleep over night in these bug houses and are even paid a small sum for doing so on condition that they let the bugs feed upon them, but if they retaliate by actually killing even one bug, they are at once ejected by the attendants and forfeit their sleep money. There are 200 such bug houses throughout India. The demons seem to have exhausted their ingenuity to see how unhappy they could make the poor people of India.

Nobody but the big Devil or the little devils or the big and little ones together could possibly be responsible for the hideous customs that prevail throughout Africa, where women distort their lips, noses and ears until they lose all semblance of humanity. Surely the demons responsible for this do it to reproach the Creator.

Psychoanalysis Rottenness

One of the most diabolical manifestations of demonism is the modern curse of psychoanalysis. It is well-known that in the Roman Catholic confessional something like 90 percent of all confessions deal with sexual subjects. The psychoanalysts outdo the confessional. They do not wait for confessions, but interpret everything in terms of sex. They have been instrumental in breaking up many happy homes, poisoning the minds of many poor girls, and even spoiling the minds of innocent children and adolescents. For a complete presentation of this phase of demonism, see *The Golden Age* No. 188.

Some of these psychoanalysts transfer to themselves the confidence and affections of both married and unmarried women, the same as often happens as a result of the supposed sacred but actually filthy confession. There are said to be in the United States about 1,000 practitioners of this peculiar system of metaphysics. There is nothing good that can be said for this system. It is wholly evil, and there is no end of harm it has done.

Numerology—from Egypt's Ancient Mysteries

At the present time, numerology is the form of demonism which has the greatest number of adherents. The practitioners frequently admit that this is a survival of the mysteries of ancient Egypt. In other words, it is demonism pure and simple. The patient is flattered, is shown a table in which each letter of the alphabet has a numerical value. From this table is obtained the key number which is supposed to show that certain definite characteristics influence such an individual's mind. There are said to be more than a thousand professional numerologists in the United States at present. Numerology is a branch of astrology, and both depend upon the foolish philosophy that everything on the earth is in some way tied up with the other planets and the stars.

A mere detail of the numerology swindle is the superstition regarding the number thirteen. Napoleon, Bismarck, and Victor Hugo were all afraid of the number thirteen. There are skyscrapers in New York city which have no thirteenth floor. There are no number thirteen berths on the London & Northeast Railway sleeping cars. The people on Thirteenth Street, Far Rockaway, asked to have the name of their street changed. At a state luncheon in Paris in June, as thirteen guests were about to take

their seats, the minister of finance rushed out and got an extra guest so that there would be fourteen at the table instead of thirteen.

The Path to Insanity

Observers who have paid attention to the experiences of others have noted that those who dally with demonism in any form always lose rather than gain by the process and are eventually left fit for nothing. Even after a disease is temporarily healed by these evil creatures, yet in the end the victims are driven to insanity. Human brains are not capable of withstanding continued contact with these superior and devilish intelligences.

Thousands of the insane hear voices of demons. They see faces, too, but the faces which they see are not the faces of their loved and lost ones, but, whatever they seem to be, are nothing less than the faces of devils. Surely none but a devil would stoop to harassing poor unfortunate humans who had landed in an insane asylum.

Having gotten the confidence of their victims, spirit mediums frequently show that they are in the control of devils by the unprincipled things which they do. They are frequently brought into court for inveigling property away from those who have fallen into their clutches.

In the *London News Chronicle* of July 8, 1930, Adrian Conan Doyle, referring to the death of his father, said:

We shall always know when he is speaking, but one has to be careful because there are practical jokers on the other side as there are here. It is quite possible that they may attempt to impersonate him. But there are tests which my mother knows, such as little mannerisms of speech, which cannot be impersonated and which will tell us that it is my father himself who is speaking.

The reason for our quoting the foregoing is that it provides the evidence that even those who are most fully committed to the practice of communication with the evil spirits have found from experience, as this young man has found, and as his father most certainly found, that nothing that comes from them is to be believed.

A spiritist hymn book contains a warning not to hold seances more than twice, or at the most, three times a week, as to do it oftener has a tendency to weaken the will. That statement is of itself a confession that demonism is the Devil's own business from start to finish.

Malignancy of the Demons

Some idea of the malignancy of the demons can be gathered from the fact that once a year at Puri, in Arissa, India, on the roadway leading to the great temple of Jagannath, scores of poor demonized creatures are buried alive as the barbaric car passes. Some remain buried for half an hour, some for a day or more, with their arms sticking out of the ground like so many rows of posts. Who but a devil could want to see any human put through such an experience?

These devils, both in the Catholic Church and out, make their victims sometimes sleep on beds of spikes. In India they go a step farther and make them pierce their cheeks with iron skewers. Who but the Devil would ever have put it into the hearts of the medicine men of Mexico to pull the heart out of their victim while he still breathed? This horrible thing is still done in Siberia to appease the spirits, but a horse is used instead of a human creature.

A man who ran amuck in a Polish village and killed six persons and wounded five stated when he was finally overpowered that a devil had placed in his hands the bayonet with which the killing was done. Quite likely he told the truth.

A Chicago sea captain who was convicted of murder gave as his excuse that in a dream the previous night he had seen his dead mother, his grandmother and God and had been told that if he went into the street and saw a desperate burglar he was to shoot to kill, which he did.

Dishonesty and Incapacity

The cures performed by demons are worthless. The *London Daily Express* of February 10, 1931, told about a medium pouring a stream of power into the body of Rev. G. Vale Owen, a spiritist preacher. A medium placed his hands on him and told him he was going to get well, and the *London News Chronicle* of March 9, 1931, showed that this preacher didn't live thirty days.

The German police have tried to use clairvoyance in the detection of criminals, but have been able to accomplish nothing, and it is good for the rest of us that they have not been able to accomplish anything. Imagine the conditions that would prevail if the common people, with all the other troubles they have, had to fight for their rights in the public courts against the testimony of these demons, whose word on anything is worse than nothing at all!

Despite the fact that he knew that the demons could not be trusted, the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (brought up a Catholic) wanted to see clairvoyance used in police work.

The legislators of New York state are so convinced of the dishonesty of the spirits and of their inability to prognosticate that there is now a fine of \$250 in that state for pretending to tell fortunes for profit or where lost or stolen goods may be found.

Abuses of Prayer

The British have had to take steps to bring spiritism within bounds. *John Bull*, in its issue of January 18, 1930, said:

Next week the House of Commons will be asked to give a second reading to a Government bill compelling individuals and organizations who collect money from the public to register and to be accountable to the Charity Commission. A better opportunity has never been provided to put a stop to the money-making methods of a gang of pseudo-religious apostles of faith-healing who for years have obtained immense sums of money from the public, and have never divulged what happens to the revenue. They call themselves pastors, and their leaders are three brothers. These men were once miners at Maesteg, in South Wales, but they forsook the perils of the pit for the profits of the pulpit, and ever since have played and preyed upon humanity's wreck. . . . Sensitive and highly strung people are reduced to a state of psychic intoxication under the influence of the presiding pastor, whose every word and movement is white-hot with hypnotic suggestion. They are seized by a form of catalepsy and incoherent mutterings are heard from them during their shakings and convulsions. Then the pastor proceeds to interpret their mutterings, which he declares to have been uttered by a divine voice: "I am in the midst of thee. Thou shalt give my servant [here the name of the pastor is mentioned] the sum of £——.

Prayer, unless it is addressed to Jehovah God and is presented in the name of Jesus Christ by one who has the right to use that name, may go to the demons instead of to God; for a certain London spiritist publication advises its readers that before commencing a seance they should always pray for protection and guidance.

In London, in January, 1931, the ministers of all denominations were discussing spiritism and had made arrangements for a future seance.

Impostors and Frauds

The demons take a peculiar delight in making humans believe the most unreasonable and impossible doctrines. Conan Doyle and numerous

otherwise capable and intelligent men were deceived by these impostors into believing that everybody is in heaven. Among them, Jefferson, the friend of Tom Paine, the confessed atheist, Mark Twain, the confessed agnostic, and Napoleon I, the master murderer. Roosevelt and Washington, according to these demons, were in the same heaven with Jefferson, Mark Twain and Napoleon. The demon who represented Washington presented to mankind the following gem through a spirit medium whose cheeps were published in the *Wichita Eagle*:

Since that time the world has went forward in the arts and sciences by leaps and by bounds. You have bread up better statesmen, you have far greater advantages for education.

The thoughtful who are familiar with Washington's stately writings will at once sense that if this report is true then "St." Washington, not having been properly "bread up" in heaven's schools, has not "went forward" in grammar.

Conan Doyle and his colleagues in demonism were led on from one stage of foolishness to another until they acknowledged having been told the idiocy that heaven has among its attractions undulating hills and verdant slopes, purling streams and fragrant flowers; meandering rivulets and glassy lakes, with the wealth of field and forest, grotto and lawn; with sportive lambkins and paradisaical birds; with towns and cities, hamlets and villages, brotherhoods and associations, schools and sanatoria, colleges and laboratories, museums and observatories, newspapers and libraries, theaters and art galleries, temples and towers, chateaux and palaces, rural cottages and stately mansions.

Telepathic Achievements

With their superior powers of observation and memory, the demons seem to some people to have very much greater powers than they actually possess. Thus there is on record the case of a father attending a seance who was told by a medium that at 11:25 a. m., when he supposed his daughter in a distant city was at school, she was instead playing a piano. He telegraphed home and found it true (though he might as well have found it false, because these liars are so absolutely untrustworthy), but he did as a matter of fact find that she was playing at just that hour, having been detained at home with a cold.

Acting upon this and other similar bits of information, Prof. Hyslop, investigator of psychic phenomena, came to the conclusion that telepathy is not a matter of thought waves, but that messages are carried from mind to mind by the spirits.

We do not know that it is true, but are informed by the *Manchester Guardian* that a telepathist, Gaston Ouvrieu, when completely blindfolded has driven a motor car through crowded streets with nothing to guide him except the mind of another person, a passenger in the car. We charge this up to demonism.

On one occasion we had a subscriber who desired to present to us evidence that he had discovered that telepathy is a true science. Drawing him out by inquiry we found that in his own case he could obtain telepathic results only when the experiments were carried on with those of the opposite sex. This looked fishy to us, and its having the general appearance of demonism made us conclude not to publish his article. If telepathy is a bona fide, legitimate achievement of man it ought to be operable between man and man as well as between man and woman.

Conan Doyle claims that he and his wife were told of the Japanese earthquake the night before it happened. The explanation is very simple. The demons without doubt have powers of penetration of solids and liquids and could readily discern the tottering condition of the submarine rock cliffs, the falling of which brought about the Japanese disaster.

An editorial writer in the *New York American* tells of a vivacious French lady at a dinner on upper Fifth Avenue, New York city, who suddenly stopped, looked behind her and said, "If I did not know my husband was in France, I could have sworn he called me." Within a few hours she received a cable from Nice that her husband had been killed in a motor crash. Again the explanation is simple. The demons saw the crash, knew where the man's wife was, and made a lightning trip to America to try to lead her off into demonism and to use the incident to misguide thousands or millions of others.

Heat and Gravitation Phenomena

It is evident that the demons understand something about heat and gravitation not yet understood by humans. It is well known that in many parts of the earth witch doctors and others walk across stones that are heated white-hot, and are even buried in white-hot ashes,

without being affected in any way. We do not know what the insulating powers are, and do not need to know, and do not care to know. We merely record the fact. It may be that all the senses of the observers are deceived by mass hypnosis, as elsewhere explained in this article. The holy angels also understand how to insulate against heat, for they did so in the case of the three Hebrew children that were cast into the fiery furnace.

We have recently published articles questioning the generally accepted theory of gravitation. Demons manifestly understand how to insulate against gravitation, if it exists. To the existence of this power we attribute the erection of the Great Pyramid, the handling of the great stones at Baalbek, the setting up of the statues at Easter Island, and the placement of blocks in the Peruvian fortress above Cuzco.

The demons have some powers of stanching the flow of blood that we do not comprehend. Thus there are numerous instances in which daggers, nails and knives have been thrust into the bodies of mediums without, at the moment, giving any indications of pain or producing a flow of blood. Just how this is done we do not know and do not care, but that such powers are demonistic and of no possible value to man is very apparent.

Linguistic and Musical Achievements

The demons have an intimate knowledge of how the human voice is produced, but can and do use some vocal organs more effectively than others, for the very good reason that some people naturally can imitate any sound which they may hear. Throughout the year 1927, an American 'direct-voice' medium, G. Valiantine, was used by the demons to record on phonograph records messages in old and modern Chinese, Hindustani and Italian, all of which languages were unknown to the medium.

A similar case of demonism is that of Joseph Schmidt of Austria. When demonized he speaks ancient Babylonian, old Hebrew, classical Greek and Arabian, but in his ordinary state he knows none of these languages, being familiar only with Roumanian and German.

Probably within the same category are to be included some of the musical prodigies that have recently attracted attention. Thus there is Sidney Sherrington, the four-year-old son of an English miner, who is said to have astonished music masters with his piano playing. His par-

ents are spiritists and claim that the spirit of Mozart is using their son as a medium. Mozart has nothing to do with it. If the child has any help from the unseen world (and he probably has), that help comes from the demons.

Quite probably in the same category is the prodigy mentioned in the *New York Times* of November 26, 1931. The dispatch from Berlin says:

A new phenomenon was added tonight to the contemporary roster of musical wonder children when six-year-old Ruth Slenzynski gave a piano recital in the Bachsaal and dumfounded a huge gathering with her almost unbelievable performances of numerous and exacting compositions of Bach, Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Searlatti, Chopin and Weber. . . . She never began a piece without first looking long and intently at her audience as if to command attention and silence. . . . The power which the child can summon at will seems altogether uncanny, coming from so slight a frame. Her rhythm, sharpness of accent, sense of phrase values as well as clarity, accuracy and velocity of finger work are matters to move even the most skeptical hearer to consternation.

God's Curse on All These Things

The Scriptures group all these forms of devilry in two verses, in Deuteronomy 18:10, 11:

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

Reviewing this passage we see that one who uses divination is one who receives information from the fallen angels by means of omens or oracles. The manner is immaterial. The fact is the important and evil thing recognized in the Scriptures. An observer of times is an astrologer, one who fixes lucky or unlucky days. An enchanter is a hypnotist. A witch is a medium or mouthpiece of the fallen angels or one claim-

ing to exercise power over the affairs of others. A charmer is one who claims to be able to put spells on people or animals; the newspapers contain frequent references to these as brought up in the courts from time to time, not only in France, Italy and other European countries, but occasionally even in America. A consulter with familiar spirits is a clairvoyant. A wizard is one claiming occult wisdom or occult power. And a necromancer is one claiming to hold communication with the dead.

Spiritists are quite unable to understand why the churches should frown on the things that they do, because they claim to specially uphold one of the church's prominent doctrines, namely, that of the immortality of the soul. How very true! The Bible says the soul shall die. The churches say it does not die, and spiritism "proves" (?) that the churches are right and the Bible wrong.

It was Jehovah God that passed sentence of death upon rebellious man. Death is to be dreaded. But for divine power it would mark the complete end of its victim. Spiritism is the Devil's own religion; because it teaches men and women not to fear death, assuring them that life does not cease, that the soul is immortal, and that at the moment of death they go immediately to the spirit world which is to all intents and purposes as nearly like the earth they have just left as two peas in a pod are like each other. It is self-evident that in teaching the unscriptural doctrine of the inherent immortality of the soul, organized religion is in deed and in truth nothing but organized demonism. Organized religion, as we have clearly shown in the foregoing article, is one of the principal channels by which these evil spirits give expression to their doctrines and find opportunity to exercise their malignancy against Jehovah God, His Word and His witnesses in the earth.

Those Peruvian Bonds

ACCORDING to the testimony before the Senate Finance Committee those \$100,000,000 of Peruvian bonds are now worth about \$7,000,000, and the American people who invested in them will lose about 93 percent of the money they put into them. The bankers that floated the loans made \$5,475,000 gross profit

on the deal, and got entirely out from under, thus letting the people who purchased the bonds hold the bag. The New York bankers paid \$415,000 rake-off to the son of President Leguia for the privilege of shoving these Peruvian bonds over onto the American people. Some people call that a bribe.

Raindrops

Snowfall in Southern California

ON JANUARY 15, for the first time in fifty years, Los Angeles and all adjacent parts of the orange belt of California were treated to a fall of snow.

Less Noise Delivering Milk

HEREAFTER there will be less noise in delivering milk in New York city. Wagons will be equipped with rubber tires instead of iron; milk carriers will be rubber-lined and drivers will wear rubber heels and refrain from loud and unnecessary talking.

Sense of Smell of the Ant

THE ant has such a remarkable sense of smell that when, in pitch darkness, beneath the ground, it meets another ant it can tell at once the species, caste, sex and approximate age of the individual about to be encountered. At least, that is what students of ant life claim.

Turken Has Possibilities

IT IS believed that the turken, a cross between an Austrian white turkey and a Rhode Island red hen, has some possibilities. The turken has three or four times as much meat as an ordinary chicken and is said to be a more tasty dish than either chicken or turkey.

Utility Bills Paid Under Protest

TIRED of the service charges and general hoggishness of the public utility companies, the citizens of many Pennsylvania towns are now attaching stickers to their utility bills, the stickers reading, "Paid under protest, until rates are reduced to conform with conditions."

A New Use for Aluminum Sheets

ALUMINUM sheets will cover one-sixth of the outer surface of ten of the great buildings now being constructed in the Rockefeller development in midtown New York, generally known as Radio City. Three million pounds of the metal will be used on the job.

Pasadena's Municipal Light and Power Plant

PRODUCING electric light and power at the figure of a trifle over one cent per kilowatt hour, the city of Pasadena charges its patrons four cents, with the result that its annual profits are now around \$700,000. These profits are being used to erect new civic buildings.

Death Valley No Longer Exists

DEATH VALLEY, California, once one of the most dreaded spots in America, now no longer exists as what it once was. A highway traverses the territory, and in the heart of the valley a comfortable and attractive hotel, the Furnace Creek Inn, provides accommodation for the wayfarer.

Prohibition Industry in New York State

IN THE year 1931 the prohibition administrators of New York state, 330 in number, raided 455 stills, 6,217 speakeasies, 386 night clubs, 171 breweries, 94 cutting plants and 64 drug stores. They seized 122,510 gallons of wine, 1,482,192 gallons of beer and 399,564 gallons of liquor, and took in 17,513 prisoners.

A Demon's Act of Malice

AT BRIDGEPORT, early in February, a colored man seventy years of age was ordered by invisible voices to cut his arm and throat and go to police headquarters. He obeyed this voice of demoniacal origin so thoroughly that it was necessary to take thirteen stitches to close the wound.

Oil Concessions in Colombia

THE American people now hold about \$100,000,000 of bonds of Colombian states and municipalities, expected soon to be in default. In June, 1931, so the Patman impeachment charges against Secretary Mellon have brought to light, Colombia approved the Barco concession, an oil company in which the Mellons have a controlling interest, and twelve days later the National City Bank advanced the last \$4,000,000 installment of the big loan. Now the American people hold the bonds and Mellon has the oil.

Let's Get Somebody from Canada

SINCE the year 1923 there have been 7,805 bank failures in the United States, of which 2,290 occurred during the year 1931. During those same eight years there was a grand total in Canada of just one bank failure. Now that America's greatest financial minds have been shown to belong to a bunch of incompetent and dishonest ninecompoops not fit to run a peanut stand, wonder if we couldn't send over to Canada and get a few honest bankers that would show us how to do something in the banking business in a straightforward, upright, honorable manner. Might be worth trying, anyway.

1931 the Warmest Year

THE year 1931, at least in the vicinity of New York city, was the warmest that most of us have ever seen, and yet there were no really scorching-hot days in it. In 63 years there has not been such uniformly pleasant weather. Every month was warmer than usual, and the sun was visible more than half of the possible time.

Crops Grown near Arctic Circle

AT THE Matanuska (Alaska) Agricultural Experiment Station, only a short distance from the Arctic Circle, the following crops have been raised: oats, barley, wheat, potatoes, asparagus, beets, cabbage, carrots, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, onions, lettuce, parsley, spinach, peas, forage crops and berries. The Alaska Railroad, serving the district, wants settlers.

Alabama Will Raise Alfalfa

ALABAMA has 42 to 60 inches of rainfall a year, and that has been too much hitherto to enable it to harvest alfalfa and other hay crops. This handicap will now be overcome by the artificial drying of alfalfa. In two hours after cutting the alfalfa, chopped to lengths of $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ ", is ready for the sack. The drier has a capacity of one ton of dry hay an hour.

Willing to Take the Cotton

THE Mississippi Synod of the Presbyterian Church has agreed to take the cotton of their church members at the fictitious price of 20c per pound, provided the proceeds are used to liquidate their unpaid church pledges. The idea is, anyway, that the church member loses the cotton and the church gets something it can turn into money.

The Financial Dictatorship

IN A SPEECH broadcast over the Columbia network Senator Royal S. Copeland, referring to the hysteria controlling the banking world, made the following statement: "But there is one place in the banking system where there is no hysteria. The men at the top were never more calm, deliberated and resourceful. They have seized upon their long-awaited opportunity. This is their day. Already they are exercising despotic rule. Unless the people are aroused there is no length to which the super-bankers may not go. We are in danger of a financial dictatorship."

Uncle Sam Will Raise Nobody's Pay

FOR one year, except with presidential consent, nobody in Uncle Sam's employ will receive a raise of pay or promotion to a better position. This special rule, attached to every appropriation bill, stops all appointments and interferes with contracts already made with apprentices who have waited for years for regular appointments in the postal service.

Detroit Grew Too Fast

THE present hard times find Detroit with the largest per capita debt in the United States, due to the fact that during the past twenty years Detroit has tripled in population and increased in area beyond all expectation. Had the growth been slower, and had so many things not been needed all at once, the present financial condition of the city would be much better.

Aviation Industry in the United States

ON JANUARY 1 the number of aircraft in the United States was 10,780, of which 6,881 were in the transport grade. There were 17,739 licensed pilots, of whom 532 were women. There were 9,016 mechanics, of whom 5 were women. California has the greatest number of pilots and mechanics of any state in the Union, but New York has the most planes.

2% Own 60% of the Wealth

THE Industrial Relations Committee says that at present in America 2 percent own 60 percent of the wealth of the nation; 33 percent own 35 percent of the wealth of the nation; and 65 percent own 5 percent of the wealth of the nation. The thing they did not explain is what happens when the 2 percent take over the relatively small balance that the rest of the people now have. And it couldn't be long now.

Mrs. Roosevelt a Spiritist

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, wife of the governor of New York state, and a candidate for the democratic nomination for president, has let it be known that she consulted a spirit medium to ascertain if her hubby would be nominated. The spirits were said to be confident he would be nominated and elected. This means that if Roosevelt should be elected there would again be demonistic influence in the White House as there was in the days of Harding and the Ohio Gang.

An Electrified Cucumber Bed

IN TWO adjacent cucumber beds in California an experiment was tried. In one of the beds insulated wires, four feet apart, were strung eight inches below the surface. Then, by means of a thermostat, a temperature of 70 degrees was maintained and the current was on about two hours out of five. One-half of the crop in the wired section was ripened and marketed before the first cucumber ripened in the other bed.

Agricultural Prices Cut in Half

THE index of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics shows farm products were only slightly more than half in price in 1931 compared with 1929. With the farmers getting only half price for what they raise, it follows, as a matter of course, that they cannot buy the things they need, and the factories that normally supply them what they want can run only part time.

Hawaii's Polyglot Population

HAWAII has one of the greatest mixtures of races in the world. Not including the United States military forces, there are on the islands a total population of 370,000, of whom 190,000 are Japanese, 28,000 are Portuguese, 23,000 are Hawaiians, 27,000 are Chinese, 7,000 are Porto Ricans, 7,000 are Koreans, 3,000 are Filipinos, 50,000 are Americans, and 35,000 are of mixed parentage.

National Wealth of United States

THE total national wealth of the United States in 1930 was \$320,700,000,000, and the total national income for the same year was \$71,000,000,000. The National Industrial Conference Board estimates that if these sums could have been distributed equally among all the families in the nation, each family would have had \$10,961 of capital and \$2,366 of income.

Bombmaker Dies in Horror

DURING the World War more than 75,000,000 Mills bombs were used. For this invention Mr. Mills was knighted and received a fortune of \$138,000. He has just died in horror that the child of his brain should have been used to hurl so many of his fellow men into eternity. During the last years of his life he sought in every way to forget what he had done, but all to no avail.

Churches Collect Eggs and Pigs

THE Charleston (S.C.) *Evening Post* tells of several churches in rural sections of the state where the pastors are accepting eggs and pigs in lieu of cash? Why not? It only requires a little work to turn these valuables of the people into money, and a little work some time in a week of absolute rest is good for the digestion. In Jesus' day the clergy were willing to take anything they could get their hands on, even widows' houses.

The Buildings on the Moon

IF THE man in the moon has constructed any buildings it is expected that they will be observable when the new 200-inch telescope is in place at Mount Wilson. This telescope will magnify distant objects ten thousand times, so that the surface of the moon, which is actually 240,000 miles away, will seem to be but twenty-four miles distant. This would enable objects on its surface thirty feet apart to be separately distinguished.

Return to Customs of a Generation Ago

THE slump in prices of farm products has brought about a return to many of the customs of a generation ago. Farmers are doing their own butchering, and taking their own grist to the mill. They are getting their own fuel out of the woodlots, and their wives are making their own butter and doing their own baking. There is even talk, in some quarters, of a revival of home tanning, home spinning and home weaving. The farmer is a hard man to completely lick.

New York's Spiritual Food

EVERY Monday morning New York newspapers give readers a digest of some of the previous day's sermons. In a recent digest Bishop Manning says the world needs more religion; we would say it needs more Christianity. Reverend Lynch thinks that indiscriminate and unscientific thinking is the cause of the misery of the world; we would say it is because it worships the wrong 'God'. Rev. Lon Ray Call says, "I would place intelligence above conscientiousness"; and we think this means he has a call to Japan, where this particular form of religion is most popular. Rabbi Katz says that he believes in telling the children the truth that "this is a world based on greed". And so endeth the food for the soul.

When the Flowers Open

THE swamp rose opens at 4:30 in the morning, the day lily at 5:30, the black nightshade at 6:30, and the morning glory at 7:30. The fig marigold opens at 8:30 a.m., the purslane at 10:30, the thistle at 11:30, and the potato flower at 1:30 in the afternoon. The four-o'clock is true to its name: it does not open until four in the afternoon; the evening primrose opens at 6:30 p.m., the Jimson weed at 7:30 p.m., and the queen of the night waits until 9:30 before it condescends to say good morning, just as the rest of us are getting ready to go to bed.

Too Many Crooks in Chicago

JUDGE JARECKI, in ruling that the assessment rolls of Chicago for the years 1928 and 1929 were fraudulent, and that taxpayers might tender what they considered a reasonable amount and file objections to the balance, called attention to the fact that the Board of Assessors arbitrarily omitted \$15,000,000,000 of personalty from the rolls for 1928 and 1929 and many years prior thereto. The city is now owing \$20,000,000 in salaries to its school teachers and other school employees. And it has 650,000 jobless.

Five Small Boys in a Dark Attic

FIVE small boys climbed the fire escape of an East Side (New York) theater and let themselves down from a skylight into the attic, whence they expected a trapdoor in the ceiling would enable them to see a movie without the customary admission charge, which they did not happen to possess. Everything worked all right except the trapdoor in the ceiling, which unfortunately did not exist. The boys got into the attic and could not get out. Finally the proprietor of the show found them and lifted them out, one at a time, but he missed the chance of a lifetime when he failed to take them in and give them the best seats in the house. Instead, he turned them over to a policeman, and the cop scolded them gently and sent them home. Probably he was a boy once himself.

Justice in Philadelphia

THE *Journal of the American Judicature Society* states in so many words that "Philadelphia appears to have the worst system of administering justice, so far as the smaller civil and criminal cases are concerned, of any place

in the civilized world". The reason assigned for this is that nearly all misdemeanor cases, and all civil cases involving not more than \$100, are handled by 28 political magistrates whose usual qualification for the position is merely that they were elected to fill it. It is said that the incumbents are mostly politicians and that justice is therefore administered politically, which means it is not administered at all.

Fifteen Years for an Apple

IN HUGE headlines the Halifax *Daily Star* makes much of the fact that in New York city a man who entered a kitchen and ate an apple was given fifteen years in prison, because he was a third offender. The man claims that he was driven to it by hunger. The judge who sentenced him says that he will approve freedom for him *after five years*. Contrast this happening with the mild and belated "justice" meted out to Daugherty, Sinclair and Fall.

Only a Life Sentence for Stealing Shoes

FOR the benefit of our British readers we wish to explain that John Moore is not to be put to death for stealing a pair of shoes at Winston-Salem, N.C. That was the original sentence, but the governor of North Carolina has commuted it to life imprisonment. We do not like to have our British readers think we would do such a thing in this country as to put a man to death for stealing a pair of shoes. All we do is to imprison him for life.

Besides, we have at times made reflections upon the severe sentences which British judges in South Africa have inflicted upon some of the poor colored men that have come before them, and we do not like to have any Britisher who has read such articles think that we would officially murder a colored man for swiping a pair of shoes when all we intended to do to him was to lock him up *for life*. If the British want to be severe against the poor blacks under their control in South Africa let them do so, but we mean to advertise to the world that here in America we are more merciful.

Of course, we showed neither justice nor mercy to Sacco or Vanzetti, and we have shown none to Mooney, and thousands of others, but now at last, here in North Carolina, we can show a case to which we can point with—with—something or other, whatever it is that nations point with at such times.

Sharp Decline in New York State Employment

AT THE first of February the New York state department of labor reported the sharpest decline in employment since 1921. Reports furnished monthly by New York state employers showed employment only 65 percent of normal and pay rolls only 55 percent of normal. In other words, a third of the workers are idle, and the total money in circulation, as payment for wages, is only 55 percent of normal.

Europe Buying More Bibles

ATENTION is called to the fact that in the last ten years the circulation of the Bible in western Europe has almost doubled. The dispatch from Paris which contains this information adds the interesting remark that "the clergy and ministers are the most surprised by this information because the empty spaces in their church pews have not received increased patronage". Apparently the people are trying to learn at home what the Bible really teaches. Can you guess what books they have to help them in that?

Proposed Rededication of Tomb

THE statement has been made that there will be a rededication of the tomb of the unknown soldier at Washington, D.C., on November 11, 1932. We do not just see the need of it, and make a suggestion. The Standard Oil Co. has large interests in China and at the present look of things we might be able to make good use of the money the rededication would cost to have a fresh tomb built to some unknown soldier somewhere in Asia. Big Business that is always so forward to, as they put it, "hallow the soldier dead" may want to do some hallowing on the other side of the Pacific.

The Two-Billion-Dollar Relief Corporation

THE two-billion-dollar relief corporation is merely a plan for taking two billion dollars from the common people and using it as a revolving fund to help the big and little banks that at the present time are crushed under their load of frozen assets.

Bonds of the new corporation will be sold to the bankers. And how will the bankers get money enough to pay for them? Easy enough. The Government will print the money and give it to the Federal Reserve at a cost of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent, plus only 65c per \$1,000 for printing cost.

The net result is that the common people will pay the interest on these bonds, and pay the losses on the liquidation of the frozen assets which the new corporation will take over from the money lenders. And if any of this money of the people ever gets back to some of them in the form of loans they will have to pay interest on it again to get the use of it.

One Reason for Beckley's Riches

SOMEBODY has sent us Vol. 1, No. 14, of the little church paper published by the First Baptist Church of Beckley, West Va. The article on the first page is entitled "I Am Rich", and as it is in quotation marks we presume that it refers to Revelation 3:17, which please see. At the conclusion of the article, which has gone the rounds of the press, appear the words, "None of my wealth depends upon business conditions or market reports." In this particular instance we suggest a reason why this is true. The back page of the little paper contains what is said to be the "Honor Roll", being a list of those who "have pledged and paid this year's pledge to date". We do not know what it is they pledged, but we can guess. The poor saints of that community that are not on that Honor Roll are about as popular in the congregation as a civet cat at a debutante's ball.

Burgling Not What It Used to Be

BURGLARS complain that burgling is not what it used to be. A Brooklyn woman came home and found a burglar busy at his trade of tying up all her best things in a bundle. She handed one brick to a neighbor and told her to sock the burglar with it if he tried to come out the front way. Then she took another one and ran around to the back door to hit him if he tried to get out that way. On her way she asked a third lady to call the police, which was done. When the police came and rescued the poor man he said he was glad to be in safe hands once more and away from those angry females. He sees now that his life has been misspent and he should have hired out to the Power Trust in his youth. Then he would be able to rob every home, and do it every month, and would be welcomed in the most exclusive financial circles. As it is, as a penalty for making a bad start, he must now go back to Sing Sing, there to live with the little burglars, the ones that don't know how to do it and get away with it.

Wise Professor Patten

WISE Professor Patten, of Dartmouth College, after forty years of search, has found the skeleton of the original sea scorpion to which all college professors may now trace their ancestry. Professor Patten says that this skeleton is between 500,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 years old. He knew this, we may be sure, because he found one of these dates stamped at the nose of the scorpion and the other stamped at its tail. That would be the only possible way he could have told. He tells us that there has been no essential change in 1,000,000,000 years, or, in other words, that the sea scorpion of so long ago had about as much sense as a college professor has now; and maybe he is right, at that. Who knows?

Missouri Legislators in a Bad Business

MISSOURI is a great state. The population on April 1, 1930, was 3,629,367. Just at present a good many of those inhabitants are good and mad at their legislators at Jefferson City. And they seem to have some reason to be so.

It seems that to help them in their arduous duties the legislators have gradually put on clerks and more clerks until they have a grand total of 904 helping them in the two houses. Every time one of the legislators wanted to help a friend he made him a legislative clerk; he went on the payroll of the state and thereafter everybody lived happy.

But now the judgment day has come and somebody has dug up the facts that the great states of California, Illinois, Massachusetts and Ohio have a combined population of 24,204,216, or more than six times that of Missouri, and yet somehow they manage, collectively, to get along with only 480 clerks all told. That is a little more than half as many clerks to do more than six times as much work.

You have probably heard about the people from Missouri: that before they spend their good money they have to be shown what it is they are going to get for it. Well, here is a case where their good money was first spent for them by their own Solons, and now the people want to know just why they dipped in their pockets about twelve times as deep as they should have.

The Missouri legislators have been in a bad business.

No Man's Land in Colorado

BY THE Louisiana Purchase and by the acquisition of Texas the United States came into possession of most of Colorado, but there are 1,500 square miles in the state which technically do not belong to the United States or to any other country. They were merely overlooked when treaties were made. Actually Colorado, every foot of it, belongs to Jehovah God, for, as the Scriptures well declare, "The earth is [Jehovah's], and the fulness thereof." No man owns a foot of it; all men are merely God's tenants at His will.

Getting Ready for Trouble in India

THE British Army in India is being brought up to its full strength of 68,900 white officers and men and 155,300 Indian troops and officers. In the British equipment in India there are eleven armored car companies each of which is equipped with twenty armored cars of the latest type.

Present indications are that before the Indian trouble is settled Britain may have use for all her troops. It is hard to fight millions of people that are willing to die for an idea and that will not resist except passively. Reprisals against such people operate in the reverse direction from that intended, for so is human nature put together.

Mahatma Gandhi claims to find the greatest joy in his voluntary poverty, and after a struggle his wife and children have all come to share his views and are expecting imprisonment with him, as are some millions of his fellow Hindus. He was arrested at three o'clock in the morning and hustled off to prison for advising a renewal of the campaign of civil disobedience. Not unlikely he will now be sent to a penal island, perhaps for years. The charge against him is treasonable activity.

He has urged his followers to discard liquor and narcotics, to do no violence, to protect English people of all classes and to withdraw from the government all cooperation, individually or collectively. His program embraces boycott of the courts and legislatures, the surrender of all public offices and the withdrawal of all children from government schools. We understand also that it includes nonpayment of taxes and the boycott of all things British, as far as that is possible. Upon his arrest the merchants of Bombay declared a strike of one month.

BEYOND question the year 1931 witnessed the greatest depression and privation for the people of Canada in history. Hope, however, has remained strong and 1932 was looked forward to as the year for the return of prosperity. As 1932 opens up conditions are anything but bright and the people are becoming restless with discontent.

The railways, with their enormous debts and rapidly falling revenues, are a problem of first importance. The government has appointed a commission to investigate the whole situation and report as to how best to deal with it. While the report is not yet completed, some idea of the seriousness of the problem may be gathered from the following editorial appearing in the *Toronto Telegram*:

In recent issues there have appeared in these columns articles considering different angles of the transportation problem in Canada and what is at this time of some importance the shape of public opinion on the subject. W. A. Irwin has an informative article in *MacLean's Magazine* on certain phases of the problem and particularly the decline in passenger traffic and earnings in the past two years.

The fact is brought out that the railways of Canada actually carried fewer passengers in 1930 than they did twenty years earlier, in 1910. The total of passengers annually carried in the ten years 1910-20 increased from over thirty-five millions to over fifty-one millions, but by 1930 had declined to a little over thirty-four millions, a lower figure than twenty years before, although there was an increase of 2,800,000 in population. Mr. Irwin gives it in table form:

Passengers Carried—All Railroads in Canada

1910	35,894,000
1920	51,318,000
1928	40,592,000
1929	39,070,000
1930	34,699,000

Automobiles Versus Railways

It will be observed that even in the boom year, 1928, there was a heavy falling off from 1920 in passenger carrying. The revenue lost to the railways from passenger carrying is greater than the loss of annual revenue from freights and express. Motor competition is primarily responsible for it: good roads, built at enormous cost, are competing seriously with the railroads, which, too, were built at enormous cost. Most people, when they speak of motor competition injuring the railways, have the motor bus and the motor truck in mind, but Mr. Irwin says, and quite truly, that as regards passenger traffic the motor bus is a relatively minor factor, as the competition is largely

from the privately-owned automobile. People think nothing of motoring to Hamilton, Oshawa, Orillia, Midland, Cobourg, Peterboro, Kingston, Owen Sound; people even motor to Florida, and in the summer to Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver. Almost any day one may see cars in Toronto bearing number plates from New York, Michigan, New Jersey or any of several states, some of whose inhabitants love to roam afar.

Not only the steam railways suffer from the private automobile. The suburban radials have been nearly put out of business everywhere by them, and the street cars suffer heavily. A few years ago one could stand on a corner up town in the morning and see a stream of automobiles go by, most of them driven by owners who rode alone. This year on the same corner one will observe that nearly every car has three or four, sometimes six, persons in it, and the same cars will be seen morning after morning going by at the same time with the same passengers. It is possible that people living in apartment houses and due to arrive down town at a stated time are offered lifts by one of them who is driving. This may have helped establish the present practice. And persons employed in the same office, residing in the same quarter of the city, may be given a chance lift by one of them who is driving, and a habit becomes established. Sometimes one man takes his car one day and his neighbor the next. The effect on street railway earnings in Toronto is serious, but there is nothing that can be done about it.

Government Railways in Distress

Speaking further upon the same matter the *Telegram* says:

These be strenuous times with the railways. Coupled with the industrial depression comes truck competition. And as if that were not enough, the short crop in the west, running in part to famine areas, cuts down freight tonnage.

Already the two big systems have made drastic cuts in expenditures. But the end is not yet. The matter of cooperation between the systems is being considered by the Government at Ottawa and the railway executives and the near future promises some rather sensational announcements. Just what they will comprise is at present only guesswork, but one thing is assured, and that is that competition in fast trains between commercial centers will go into the discard.

Passenger service has never paid, according to railwaymen. In some quarters it is estimated that the loss on this arm of the service runs as high as \$20,000,000 a year. And much of this loss is chargeable to the craze to give business men an extra hour in some city, an hour the business man probably sits around a hotel and wastes.

All this frill and fad stuff is to go in the name of economy and is just one indication of how the boom spirit is to be worked out of the railways.

In passenger trains as in other walks of life, men are going to move more slowly. And the result will probably be that they will enjoy life a little more and live a little longer.

Cutting Down the Service

The railways, according to Sir Henry Thornton, are considering carrying freight on passenger trains in order to combat the competition of the motor truck.

This can only mean a return to the mixed trains of long ago. It also means that passengers will have to sit and gaze at box cars, water tanks and rural depots while the locomotives do their shunting and remake the train.

But what of it? The de luxe passenger trains to rural points have become a habit, and a very extravagant habit for the railways.

Railroads, and passengers as well, will have to get back to a less luxurious mode of living or go broke. And in these days when every other man has an automobile it may be that the railways could, instead of carrying freight on passenger trains, work a further economy by carrying passengers on freight trains.

Second Gold-Producing Country

While the mineral wealth of this vast country has only been scratched, the results thus far obtained have been most gratifying and the year 1931 made Canada the second largest gold-producing country in the world. The following item from the *Mail and Empire* of Toronto may be found of interest in this respect:

The gold mines of the Dominion, and particularly those of Ontario, ended the year with many new records chalked up to their credit. Actual mining operations were proceeded with at a record-breaking pace and most of the producers carried their development to new low levels and in almost every instance the mineral zones, where opened up at depth, proved to run higher in gold per ton than on the upper horizons and generally there was favorable enlargement of the mineralized sections. While all companies are engaged in mine development on an expanding scale, the majority have merely started their big programs and there is no doubt that the present year will see even greater improvement, both in development and production of precious metal, than was reached in the record year 1931.

The year 1931 closed with Canada secure in her position as the second largest gold-producing country of the world. According to figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, total production from all mines in this country amounted to 2,679,728 fine ounces of gold, with a value of \$55,394,892. The above figures not only make a new all-time record for the Dominion, but indicate an increase in production of gold of over half a million ounces when compared

with the record made in the year immediately preceding. The production figures here referred to do not include the premium received by the gold-mining companies, due to the current rate of exchange. With the exception of British Columbia and Nova Scotia, all the gold-producing provinces of Canada registered substantial gains in output of precious metal. At this time there is every reason to believe that the present year will show even greater improvement in yellow metal production than that recorded in 1931.

The Cigarette Curse

The *Ottawa Journal* gives us the following illuminating item concerning the hold cigarette smoking has upon the people of this land. It says:

Remember way back when a man smoking a cigarette was all but suspect by his friends? Well, last year, according to a bulletin of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canadians smoked 5,000,000,000 cigarettes, paid \$50,000,000 for them. Or thereabouts.

In 1913 our total cigarette consumption was less than 1,000,000,000. By the end of the war we were smoking 2,000,000,000; by 1926 we were close to the 3,000,000,000 mark; in 1928 we had got to 4,000,000,000, and now we are up to 5,000,000,000.

As a matter of fact, we are probably consuming many more than that. The figures given by the Bureau of Statistics include only those cigarettes which are manufactured in Canada; takes no account of the imports of British and American brands; takes no account of smuggling. Actual imports are likely light, but, if we are to believe Canadian manufacturers who appeared last year before the Tariff Board, nearly a billion American cigarettes are smuggled across the border.

If there are 6,000,000 persons in Canada over fifteen years of age, then they are averaging, smokers and non-smokers, over 800 cigarettes apiece per year. About forty packages per head.

Fifty million dollars looks like a lot of money to spend on cigarettes, yet it is not as bad as it looks. For the money, really, doesn't go up in smoke. A lot of it goes to our tobacco growers, a lot more of it goes to thousands of workers in tobacco factories, some of it goes to wholesalers and retailers, a share of it to advertising mediums, a goodly share of it into a hard-pressed treasury.

Babies Have a Right to Cry

That babies have a perfect right to cry has been wisely determined by a very learned judge, according to a Canadian Press Despatch which reads:

Crying is a normal occupation for a normal baby, and is not ground for canceling an apartment lease, it has been decided by Mr. Justice Archambault in the

Circuit Court, in dismissing an action taken by Credit General, Inc., against H. H. Lewis, father of the baby. The plaintiff said that the baby, aged 1½ years, was continually crying and disturbing adjoining tenants. Under the terms of the lease, the tenant was bound to see that no such annoyance should emanate from his apartment, it was claimed. The father suggested that to put such an interpretation on the lease would be contrary to the essential principles of humanity.

Overgovernment

The Canadian press has much to say today, and properly so, concerning the fact that Canadians are much overgoverned. The following item is culled from the Brantford *Expositor*:

The legislatures of the various provinces are entirely too large for the population, and the axe could be used in the provincial fields with good effect. It is just a question of how long business can prosper and carry the enormous burdens of taxation imposed upon it in this country. This, in the end, comes out of the people. The present depression has afforded a splendid opportunity for a thorough investigation of this whole question, but little attention has been paid to it. It remains, therefore, for the people of Canada, through sheer force of public opinion, to demand of their rulers, both federal and provincial, that they take action to reduce the cost of government throughout the country. If government in the Dominion costs \$1,000,000,000, it means that every man, woman and child is taxed \$100 for this purpose. This is an appalling sum, and out of all proportion to the services rendered.

A Mixed Family

The Millennium is surely here, for the time has come when kittens and little chicks lie down together, if the following news item from Sarnia is true. It reads:

A hen owned by Russell German of Mooretown, which, in addition to mothering a brood of eleven little chicks, is attracting unusual attention since she has taken five small kittens under her wing.

The mother of the kittens died a few days ago and every night the chicks and kittens nestle up under the wings of the hen. During the day it is a common sight to see the little chicks and kittens drinking milk together from the same dish while the old hen sits contentedly by clucking to her unusual family.

Mixed Farming

Speaking of the development of mixed farming in the Canadian West the Ottawa *Journal* says:

So much has been heard about western wheat, most of us have an idea that wheat is the West's sole product. The idea is profoundly wrong. We pick up an official bulletin, and we find:

"That Saskatchewan last year produced 30,000,000 eggs, had a poultry production of \$30,000,000.

"That Manitoba produces one-third of the annual honey crop of Canada, ranking second only to Ontario; and that Alberta and Saskatchewan are coming along.

"That most western cities are now surrounded by extensive market gardens, grow most of their own vegetables.

"That the west is now producing some of the finest of Canadian strawberries.

"That sugar beets are now grown extensively on irrigated land in southern Alberta.

"That the sugar beet factory at Raymond, Alberta, is now the largest in Canada, having turned out 25,000,000 pounds of refined sugar from last year's beet crop.

"People are forever advising the prairies to go in for mixed farming. Perhaps it is because they don't realize how much mixed farming has been gone in for."

However, mixed farming does not appear to be the solution to the present distress, although it will help the farmer to better feed himself and family, as the following item from the Toronto *Globe* reveals:

Vegetable farming is having its gloomy days in the Port Credit district. R. Hill, a farmer on Indian Road, speaking to the *Globe*, reported that some days ago he shipped 72 eleven-quart baskets of mixed vegetables to Toronto. The baskets cost him eight cents each, or a total of \$5.76. Yesterday he received word from the commission agent at Toronto that he owed the sum of \$3.56 on the shipment, as his consignment had, according to the card received, been "dumped", and not sold. The baskets are now being returned to him, but before he can have them he must pay the express company another \$3.60 for carriage. Hill already this season has shipped some 1,500 baskets of fruit and vegetables to Toronto, and his receipts for the lot are less than \$100.

A Drought Commission

The government of Saskatchewan has appointed a commission to investigate the causes of drought during the past three years in southern Saskatchewan. The Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix*, speaking editorially thereof, says:

A wonderful opportunity lies before the drought commission recently appointed by the provincial government to study the causes of drought in southern Saskatchewan and the possibility of preventing the continuance or recurrence of that misfortune. Their efforts may result in action which will restore that district to a condition of fertility and prosperity and bring happiness and contentment to the thousands of

farmers who have occupied it for so many years. The government action will meet with public approval, and the commissioners, who are undertaking the task without remuneration, will receive the thanks of the people of this province for the public-spiritedness which they are showing.

Time was when an overabundance or a lack of rain was considered as being 'an act of nature', the changing of which it was useless to attempt. The study of climatic conditions and weather along scientific lines has revealed some of the causes and that those causes may in part be controlled. Thus the absence of trees allows the too rapid evaporation of moisture from the soil. The absence of lakes, sloughs and other bodies of water means that there is no reserve supply from which nature can draw the rain so necessary for crop growth. Continuous tilling removes fiber from the soil, allowing it to drift before the wind. These are only a few of the known causes. There are many others. These can be controlled. Trees and shrubs can be planted. Sloughs which have been drained can be restored, and the flow of rivers may be arrested to form lakes which will constitute a reserve supply of water; and in some cases it is possible that water courses may be partly diverted to provide irrigation. All these matters will come under the attention of the commission.

The districts of southern Saskatchewan now burned out have not always been dry. For 20 years or more they produced some of the best crops in the west. Then came three dry years. Possibly the climate will normally return to its former state, but if nature can be aided by the arts and sciences of man, so much the better. And if a recurrence of the dry conditions can be prevented, a wonderful work will have been performed.

Mixed Religionists

At a recent meeting of the Saskatoon Ministerial Association the question of having passages from the Bible read, without comment, by the teacher as an opening exercise was considered. The Saskatoon *Star* reports the matter in much detail and we quote therefrom in part as follows:

In Ontario a similar plan has been adopted by a number of cities, and a series of consecutive readings drawn up, said Canon Armitage. If Catholic school boards preferred, he could see no objection to these passages' being read from the version authorized by the Roman Catholic church.

Rev. James Strahan of the First Baptist church preferred that such readings should contain passages from the writings of Buddha and Confucius. Rev. J. A. Donnell agreed, urging that every religion was seeking after God and that Christianity should not be treated as the only religion. They should be careful

not to try to force the children of the conscientious atheist to listen to instruction in religious belief.

While the Christian churches were making converts more rapidly in Africa than in any other mission field, the Mohammedans were making converts even more rapidly, reported Rev. A. W. Banfield, of the British and Foreign Bible Society. To the mind of the African, Mohammedanism, with its allowance of plurality of wives and its charms and amulets had a special appeal. A man with only one wife had no social standing in an African village.

Milwaukee Not Hard Up

MILWAUKEE, where they have a socialist administration of the city, reports that all city bills are paid and there is a surplus of \$2,234,000 in the municipal treasury. It is still easy to remember when several newly elected members of the New York legislature were deliberately thrown out of the chamber to which they had been chosen, and the only reason assigned was that they were socialists. Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., was a member of the legislature that performed this feat of statesmanship.

Prayers for the Creative Spirit

THE Federal Council of Churches in its appeal for prayer for the Arms Conference asks, "Let us pray that the creative spirit may move among the peoples." America has an amphibian tank, bombproof and gasproof, that will go ten miles an hour in the water, fifty miles on a rough road, and seventy miles an hour on a smooth road. It has the Akron, able to carry a flock of airplanes around the world. Russia has 20,000,000 men and women well militarized. Italy has offered to blacken the skies with planes. Japan has 32 airplane squadrons. The German Junkers project a plane that will fly from Berlin to New York between breakfast and dinner. The Big Bertha can shoot 75 miles. In America the influential are given stock in munition plants. There are varieties of poison gas against which no mask is any protection. Our latest machine guns will shoot 800 bullets a minute and all the bullets will go nine miles. We can guide our bombing planes by wireless. Creative spirit? Creative spirit? What more do we want? If war comes we can create thousands of chaplains over night ready to bless it all.

Truth Sometimes Comes to the Surface Quickly *By Dr. Chas. T. Betts (Ohio)*

THE poisoning of the American public goes constantly on. Reports come in daily from some part of America, showing same symptoms, even though the best foods have been carefully selected and prepared by the most careful process. Manufacturers of aluminum kitchenware continue to advertise that those opposed to the manufacture of aluminum cooking utensils are wrong, in spite of the fact that the reports show that such ware is used previous to 99 percent of all group poisoning cases.

We find it very difficult to ascertain the exact facts in most of these cases, but here is one which took very little time.

The Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* reported on January 2, 1932, the group poisoning of Mrs. Frank Reyas, 109 Lyrieway, McKeesport, Pa.

HOLIDAY DINNER POISONS FAMILY

Parents and Two Children at McKeesport Made Ill
Are Taken to Hospital

The New Year's dinner at the home of Frank Reyas of 119 Lyrieway, McKeesport, resulted in the poisoning of Reyas, his wife and their two children. Physicians at the McKeesport Hospital said the illness was caused by eating either vegetable soup or fruit cake. None are believed to be in a serious condition, according to hospital authorities.

The following letter was at once forwarded to Mrs. Reyas:

One of your friends forwarded us the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* which contains the report of your food poisoning.

We are interested in determining the cause of the plague upon our people at this time. Reports of this kind are coming in from every section of America, showing thousands of persons being poisoned. And in no case have the authorities found the cause.

We believe that we know the exact cause in many instances, but are continuing our investigation of all poisoning cases coming before us, so we desire a report from you personally.

Kindly advise us by return mail on the back of this letter what kind of cooking utensils were used, what

kind of food, and how long the food was stored or prepared and cooked.

The following answer was written on January 7:

We received your letter, and you are asking us to make a report of how it happened.

Well, here it is. It was the first day of the year. My mother sent us some soup in an aluminum dinner pail. The time was about 11:30 a. m.

I put the pail with the soup out in a little hallway to keep cool, and did not use it till 5:30 p. m. Then I warmed it for dinner, and the family sat down to eat it. Just as soon as we were through eating, we became ill. We were then taken to the hospital, and I don't remember anything else.

The vegetables used were fresh. My mother raises her own. The meat that was used was also fresh, having been butchered for New Year. That is all.

So, dear reader, the story has been told here as in hundreds of other cases which we investigate. Last week extensive group poisoning was reported in Overbrook Hospital of Cedar Grove, N. J., where more than 200 were severely affected by food contamination. A large number were poisoned at the Hall where the law students live, at the University of Michigan. One hundred nineteen students were taken to hospitals recently, at Purdue University, all of whom recovered.

Our people will put up with this kind of condition until our authorities act for the benefit of all. A strenuous effort is being made by the aluminum interests to maintain their sales of aluminum culinary ware.

In December, 1931, a series of articles was begun in a national magazine attempting to prove that aluminum kitchenware is harmless. The wrath of the American public will be brought down upon the heads of such persons, in due time, because it is evident that they know and are familiar with the physiological effects of aluminum compounds produced by their wares.

What Villard Would Do

OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, editor of *The Nation*, says that if he were dictator of America he would muster out the fleet, reduce the army to 25,000 men, send all the generals and admirals to Guam, abolish all tariffs, boycott

Japan, recognize Russia, put all lawless officials on prison farms, and transfer Mr. Hoover and his cabinet to the island of Yap. He thinks these steps would restore sanity to America; and they might help, at that.

Another Rooster Heard From

JUDGE RUTHERFORD frequently refers to the dominies as "roosters", and it seems a particularly good sobriquet. Their usefulness is about on a par. The loud voice, the strut, the quarrelsomeness, the special headgear, the fine feathers and the empty head all fit nicely into the likeness.

In writing to Timothy the apostle said of the dominies that they "lead captive silly women"; and doesn't a rooster do that? And then the Revelator speaks of Babylon as a henhouse of unclean birds, and he must have meant that if we looked around a little we should find one of them was a rooster, one for each pen.

Here is further evidence that the word seems to fit the mental likeness. When the ladies of the Reformed Church at Marion wanted to advertise their bargain in noodles and apple sauce they inserted a picture of a rooster as a matter of course; so here he is, showing off. And if you study the picture closely you can see that he looks very big and very beautiful and, by comparison, the world down in the corner looks very small and insignificant.

It all depends on the eyes with which one looks at a dominie, whether he is very big and important or whether he is just what he usually is, and that is so small we would not attempt to describe it. To the ladies, the boss of the barn-

yard seems very big and very beautiful; and so he seems to himself; but to nobody else.



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World Peace

THE prospects for world peace, from the standpoint of human accomplishment, were never so hopeless as they are today. For every agency in the world endeavoring to establish peace, there seem to be a thousand agencies opposed to it. The world is in a turmoil from a political, financial and ecclesiastical standpoint. The various conferences, whose objectives have been the establishment of some permanent arrangement whereby peace may be assured, have all come to naught.

At the time of the London Naval Conference, which was also a failure, *Current Affairs*, a monthly magazine of gratifying brevity, had this to say on the subject:

The London Naval Conference was a "dud". The hopes of the peace-loving people of the world for a radical reduction in naval armament and the creation of a temperate atmosphere of peace throughout the nations—these hopes have been wrecked. All the high words pronounced by the delegates and all the purple rhetoric uttered by the politicians are only a smoke screen. One is reminded of the dispatch which the Russian general, Brusiloff, sent to the czar when he was being routed from the Masurian swamps by Hindenburg's army: "We advance—backwards." The conflicting patriotisms of the various nations which were members of the conference wrecked everything. Patriotism is rooted in fear; and fear is a primal instinct difficult to overcome. England fears that by reducing her navy her food supply may be cut off and her population starved in a week. France is afraid of everything on all sides. Italy is afraid of France. Japan is afraid of the white man's prejudice against "the yellow peril", and we, ourselves, are afraid of the slightest infringement upon our Americanism. Thus crash the hopes of the world.

Many other magazines and periodicals echo the sentiment of *Current Affairs*. That effort in the direction of world peace, like the preceding ones and those which have since taken place, has been an entire flop. They can scarcely be called a gesture, and few people are any more deceived by them.

But have the world's hopes indeed crashed? Is the proposition hopeless? Is there no certain prospect for world peace? To these questions we answer, It depends upon from which quarter peace is expected. Certainly the various nations which have so far ostensibly made efforts to further the object of peace have demonstrated that this was not indeed their first concern. Selfishness, greed and hatred were the predominating spirit. Each one was desirous of peace

based upon his own particular terms, with little or no consideration for others. It must be increasingly apparent that no human agency can bring about peace. What seems to be the difficulty? The greatest obstacle is in human nature itself, as it is at present constituted.

The Scriptures establish that the whole world lies in the wicked one; that Satan, the adversary, is the god of this world and that he is blinding the minds or the reasoning faculties of the people so that the purposes of God may not be understood by them. Consequently, the reasoning of all the nations and people is based upon selfishness, a desire to take advantage of everything to advance their own particular interests, and, as a consequence, distrust and fear of one another is in evidence to all. There are altogether too many people in the world who are still willing to take advantage of others for their own profit; and where that is true, certainly no fault can be found with nations or people who do the same thing to them.

The Lord described the condition in the earth today in these words: 'There is no peace to the wicked.' Those who ignore the most fundamental laws of righteousness are wicked, and such cannot, by any manner of means, expect peace, for they do not know the way of peace. Jesus laid down the fundamental principle which would always result in peace, in these words: 'Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you.' That seems simple enough, easily applied, but this rule cannot be even appreciated by the wrongly disposed, much less practiced by them. It presupposes a foundation of righteousness which would not expect unreasonable things of others but with clear-sighted justice sees the necessity of dealing fairly and generously with one another. To this end the Bible counsels, "Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates." Peace between nation and nation is impossible as long as dominant warlike elements exist within the nations themselves which deliberately and willingly foment strife and have no concern whatever for the welfare of others. There is here a very great difficulty which is perhaps better appreciated by the leaders than by people in general. The lust for supremacy, power and wealth is so great in this class, and their power and influence over the political and financial phases of their own na-

tion are so impelling, that they can usually have what they want.

Idealists may call for peace and for the disarming of the nations, but it must be immediately apparent that as long as there is even one nation that is dominated by those who believe in resorting to force, for reasons which they may deem adequate, as long as there is a single nation that refuses to sincerely and completely disarm, there can be no world peace; for the peace-loving nations, if there were any of such, would have no assurance that they would not sooner or later become the victims of the warlike nations. History is replete with records of instances where peacefully disposed people who were quite content to go about their own peaceful ways were attacked by others not at all peacefully disposed, and thus they were obliged either to resort to arms themselves or become the servants of their foes.

Thus is manifested the hopelessness of human efforts to bring world peace. No individual or human agency has sufficient power or authority to force all nations into a condition where peace would be assured to all. Nor is it altogether a question of nation preying upon nation or people upon people. Within the nations themselves there is a conflict between groups and classes which, although it is carried on in a less spectacular manner than by armed combat, is nevertheless essentially the same in its ultimate effect upon the victor and the vanquished.

Today every large city in the United States has innumerable groups of racketeers which take advantage of the people in general and by every conceivable lawless means prey upon the people. The less fortunately situated are oppressed by the more powerful and better endowed. Thus, life seems to present but one aspect, the aspect of continual conflict in every sphere of human activity. And this is in no sense exaggerated; it is actually the case. This conflict is a much more momentous issue than appears to most people. It boils itself down to a conflict between the forces of righteousness and the forces of evil, a struggle which seems to have, and actually has, continued for ages, and which, in this our day, has reached a magnitude never before attained.

We are approaching the climax of this issue. It is not a question of France against Germany or England against some other nation, nor is it simply a conflict between the yellow and the

white race or the black and the white. All of these animosities are but side issues in the great struggle between truth and righteousness on one hand and falsehood and evil on the other. More than that, it is a conflict between God and the opponent of God, Satan the Devil. Although the Bible is very explicit in its statements of the activity of Satan and his organization, yet a great many people do not believe in the existence of Satan as a powerful spirit creature, or that he has a powerful organization deliberately planning to keep the people away from God and His benevolent purposes for them.

This problem of world peace is something that is entirely beyond the ability of any human agency to accomplish. It is an issue that must be considered, not from an earthly standpoint, but from a heavenly viewpoint. Realizing that human resources are entirely inadequate to meet the necessities of the situation, as must be apparent to every thinking man and woman, we should turn our minds to some superhuman agency for the deliverance of the world or else be reconciled to continue indefinitely in this condition of misery and distress.

In turning our minds to some superhuman agency for deliverance, the question naturally arises, To whom should we turn? Whence shall come our hope? There should not be any doubt in the minds of those who claim to be Christians, in this respect. Nineteen hundred years ago Jehovah God gave assurance that it was His ultimate purpose to establish peace on earth, good will among men, and glory to God in the highest, as a result of the work He would perform through Him who was then the babe of Bethlehem. Jesus assures us, in the model prayer which He left for His disciples, that God's will shall be done on earth as in heaven; that that will will be perfect and acceptable and that it shall be the desire of every living creature. With these assurances given by the Lord, each one should now reverently turn to His Word for a serious consideration of what He has to offer in respect to world peace. The theories of men should be laid aside, whether those men claim to be representatives of God or not. If their statements are not in harmony with His Word, they are valueless. Through the prophet of old Jehovah laid down the rule: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no [truth] in them."

Until the people commence to realize this and turn to the Lord, they must and will flounder about and be the prey of scheming and unscrupulous men and systems. We may safely assume that the majority of the people, though imperfect and sinful, are not in harmony with or content with their present condition. They are longing for something better, and they realize that there must be changes everywhere, not only in themselves, but in the affairs of men and nations. No schedule for the conversion of the world by evangelistic efforts will meet the requirements. All these efforts have proved to be not only painfully slow but pitifully fruitless. Humanity has tried every scheme, not once, but repeatedly, and in many different ways, and every one has left them disillusioned and disappointed, yet forever turning again to some human leader or scheme for fresh disappointment; and unless the Lord comes to the rescue it seems as though this would go on indefinitely.

The time is approaching, however, when the Lord assures us through the prophet, in these words: "Wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: [and] . . . then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent."

The time is approaching, and that in the near future, when Jehovah God will wipe out the condition of selfishness, greed and oppression, the time when the efforts of puny men, who with fatuous selfishness seek to establish for themselves a kingdom of righteousness, will end in a debacle so tremendous that they will at last be driven to a full realization of their folly. Jehovah will manifest that He alone is God and that only as He is recognized will the longed for goal of peace be attained. There is no other power that can accomplish this for the human family. The Lord through His Word says that those who come to Jehovah will receive His blessing and peace, in these words: "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."—Isa. 32:17.

There can be no peace without righteousness, and there can be no righteousness without God. The certain prospect for world peace, therefore, lies in God's assurance that He has purposed

it and that He, too, has purposed the means by which it shall be brought about, and that means is the kingdom of His Son, Christ Jesus, who as God's representative will rule the earth in righteousness and establish judgment and justice henceforth even forever.

Only a government having divine authority, and exercising that authority without interference for the benefit of man, can bring "peace on earth". And it is just such a government that God has purposed. For He has put all things under Christ's feet, and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be. Then shall the nations dwell together in amity and peace, and no longer shall nation lift up sword against nation. But they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks. The paraphernalia of war will be transmuted into the equipment of peace. The very thought of war will be repugnant to the people then, for they shall not learn war any more. There is divine comfort in these words. Now the nations are bending every effort to perfect themselves in the art of war and to train ever increasing forces of war. But then they shall learn war no more. The time and effort, the wealth and material, wasted in the present insane programs of preparedness, will then be turned to better use, and the nations be immeasurably benefited.

But the peace that God's Word envisages means more, much more, than mere cessation of hostilities between nations. That is only one aspect of the matter, though an important one. The animosities that now stir the breasts of men, the dislike for the foreign, the strange, or for that which is not familiar, will give place to a broad tolerance; for love will, more and more, take the place of unreasoning hatreds, and helpfulness and kindness will replace envy and jealousy. Does this seem too much to expect? Does not God's Word assure us that He will take away the stony heart and give them hearts of flesh? God says, "I will . . . reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth."—Jer. 33:6.

But someone will perhaps object that what I have quoted consists only of fragmentary selections from the Old Testament prophecies which have no direct bearing upon the situation. However, remember that what things were written aforetime do have a very special application for us upon whom the ends of the age are come. Also call to mind the words of Peter, who said,

"Times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3:19-21) Again, someone may say that the times of reconstruction apply only to the nation of Israel, and not to other nations. Let such remember that the Lord tells us through His prophet that the nations shall go up to the house of the Lord, "to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Mic. 4:2, 3.

When the judgments of the Lord are in the earth the inhabitants of the world shall learn

righteousness. And, learning righteousness, they shall have the effect and result of righteousness, which is peace, quietness and assurance forever.

What has been said is only a very small part of the abundant testimony in God's Word on the subject of world peace. As already stated, all the prophets bear witness to its coming. And not only they, but Jesus Christ, the faithful and true witness himself, confirms the assurance that there is a certain prospect for world peace which shall not fail of accomplishment, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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Lecturing in Front of Machine Guns

HAVING no honest employment to occupy their time, the priests of the Roman Catholic church are busily engaged in the destruction of all that goes to make up American life. Their aim is to produce another Spain or Mexico, where their "church" can be supreme, and nothing that criticizes it will be allowed to survive. They do not stop at instigating murder.

We are sure that there are some true Americans whose hearts will burn with indignation when they learn of what is going on at Plainfield, and of the latest outrage, where at a peaceable Christian meeting Judge Rutherford was surrounded on every side by police officers, detectives, plain clothes men and thugs armed with machine guns, sawed-off shotguns, automatic revolvers and like implements of war, all no doubt waiting for an agreed-upon signal to take his life. That is what happened July 30, 1933.

Those who read our issue of July 19 are familiar with what happened June 4 at Plainfield, when fifty-six men and women were arrested and thrown into prison for preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. They know that its chief of police is responsible for thrusting twenty-nine women into three cells, each intended for the accommodation of one prisoner. Only twelve could sit down throughout the night; the other seventeen were forced to stand, or to lie down on the bare concrete, between the feet of those that stood.

Though the night was suffocatingly hot, not so much as a drink of water was extended to these suffering women. We invite the American people to consider what would have been the outcome if twenty-nine Roman Catholic nuns had been thus treated in an American city.

The trial which followed the first night in prison was as brutal as the imprisonment itself. Details of this have been published in *The Golden Age*. The priests back of these outrages, and

the men that committed the outrages, are not fit to live. They are enemies of Jehovah, the true and living God, and the Scriptures say of such, "For, lo, thine enemies, O [Jehovah], for, lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered."—Psalm 92:9.

Lecture Announced for Plainfield

Before his return from Europe Judge Rutherford announced that on July 30, at the Strand theater, at Plainfield, a religious meeting would be held for the benefit of the people of the city, at which the question would be answered, "Religious Intolerance: Why Practiced Now." This address we are delighted to present in full to our readers, in this issue.

The police, as such, were not invited to attend this lecture. They were welcome as citizens, the same as any other citizens, but there was no need for them to be present in their official capacity. As it was, they swarmed all over the place. The huge guns in every doorway made the place look like an arsenal.

The same sinister influences that operated to cause the arrests on June 4 resulted in seventeen more arrests on July 29. The local press refused to carry an advertisement of the meeting, so handbills were taken around to the homes inviting the people to attend, and those arrested were accused of this "crime" of extending the invitations in this manner.

Among those locked up on July 29 was a man, formerly a Roman Catholic, who first heard of the truth when those arrested on June 4 were brought into prison. After becoming convinced, as a result of several conversations, that it really is the truth, he said, "If I ever get into prison again, it will be as one of Jehovah's witnesses"; and it came true. Thus quickly, in these days, does the division between the sheep and goats take place.

After these second arrests occurred, sixty automobiles traversed the streets of Plainfield and Summit, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday forenoon, each bearing huge banners on either side inviting the people to come and hear Judge Rutherford free at the Strand theater. No two of these cars were adjacent to each other; there was no parade; it was better than a parade. By three o'clock every seat in the theater was filled and some were standing. The capacity of the theater is 1,800. It was apparent that it was an audience of exceptionally intelligent, thoughtful people.

The Strand Theater an Arsenal

Long before the hour for calling the meeting to order, the police, though not invited to do so, came in and took it upon themselves to brandish weapons in every corner of the theater. Two machine guns behind him could have killed Judge Rutherford instantly and turned the place into a shambles.

Officers bristling with weapons were at every exit and all over the house. It was reported that more than half of the total police force of sixty-four were in the theater, either in uniform or as plain clothes men. Judge Rutherford, serious but gentle, looked like a sheep in the midst of wolves. The show of weapons looked very much out of place, and was out of place. They would not have done it in a Catholic church, nor even in a Protestant one.

Not an untoward incident of any kind occurred, and Jehovah's witnesses knew full well there would not. Judge Rutherford was at his best. His clear, kindly voice could be heard in the remotest corner of the gallery. The speech was broadcast over WBBR, WODA and WCAU, and thus covered all of New Jersey and several adjacent states. It was a grand witness for the truth, and a telling rebuke of bigotry.

A feature of the address which was exceptionally clear, and in manifest course of fulfilment that very day, was the division of the sheep and goats now actually taking place in Plainfield. Some of the good people of that city are lining up on the side of Jehovah God.

After the lecture one of the officers, who is evidently a good man, said he was not in sympathy with the abuses and injustices that have been leveled against Jehovah's witnesses, and had gone along and done as he was bidden to do only for fear of losing his job if he refused.

The people that heard Judge Rutherford's address liked it. Over and over again they punctuated it with applause. As one listened to it he could hardly refrain from asking himself the question of why the rulers should "take counsel together against [Jehovah]" (Psalm 2:2) and by their acts embarrass the innocent and peaceable.

The display of automatic pistols and other artillery so conspicuously in evidence at the Strand theater reminds one of Jesus' inquiry, "Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves for to take me?" (Matthew 26:55) But no one was taken this time.

The patrol wagon was waiting at the door while the lecture was going on, but there was no need for it; it went away empty. The day had a happy ending. Nevertheless, on Judge Rutherford's account and on account of others of Jehovah's witnesses, and of the American people as a whole, we take this occasion to protest vigorously against this unwarranted and illegal intrusion of armed men into a religious meeting. We lay this directly to the priests and believe they sought to use the "strong-arm squad" under their control to do away with a man whom they have come to hate and fear because he tells the people the truth.

Some Messages of Encouragement

JUST before the crisis at Plainfield, the Seattle company workers, by their director, sent Judge Rutherford the following encouraging message:

"Workers here gathered today after field service voted to send you a message expressing continued loyalty and heart sympathy, and assuring you of their prayers in your behalf for the task Jehovah has assigned to you for next Sunday at Plainfield." H. G. B.

After the lecture was delivered, the following messages were received:

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Religious Intolerance: Why

Personally delivered at Plainfield, N. J., and simultaneously broadcast, by Judge Rutherford, Sunday, July 30, 1933

THIS SPEECH is not made for the purpose of holding up to ridicule or denouncing men for their misconduct and wickedness, even though there are those in this community who justly deserve much castigation. Jehovah God will inflict punishment in His due time. My work is that of one of His witnesses to tell the facts. We have reached the time of greatest crisis in the history of man, and it is of vital importance that everyone know the facts and the reason for the existence of the same.

This speech is not made for the unfaithful clergy, nor for their blind dupes who attempt to hide behind the law and shield themselves in the performance of their wrongful acts. It is made for the benefit of the people who desire righteousness and fair-dealing and who are anxious to follow out that course. Men claiming to be law-abiding citizens of New Jersey have tried to prevent the holding of this meeting and to thereby prevent you from hearing the truth. Even the chief of police of this city has asked the owner of this theater to cancel his contract for the use thereof on this occasion, and that after the full rental price had been paid. The owner preferred to honorably stand by his contract rather than to yield to sinister influence. I ask you to calmly and dispassionately follow my speech to the end, and I hope that you may receive benefit therefrom.

It is necessary for me to briefly refer to certain events that have recently come to pass in this vicinity. A few weeks ago in the city of Plainfield more than fifty good citizens, and known to the officials to be harmless, were arrested without warrant or cause and thrown into prison. Twenty-nine of these prisoners were good, honest and faithful women. At the time the weather was exceedingly hot and yet these twenty-nine women were crowded into three small cells, each made for one person, and most of them compelled to stand up all night. The next morning they were fingerprinted as though they were desperate criminals. In gross violation of the fundamental law of the land, and in utter disregard of the rights of other persons, those arrested were then brought before the so-called "court", unlawfully compelled to testify against themselves, prevented from making their own defense, and were summarily convicted in the absence of law or evidence and im-

mediately incarcerated in prison. Their only offense was going from house to house on Sunday and preaching the gospel of God's kingdom, for the aid and comfort of the people. A more complete statement of the facts and proceedings of that mock trial is set forth in the *Golden Age* magazine under date of July 19, 1933, a copy of which magazine you may have only for the asking.

I quote the words of the magistrate before whom this farce trial was had in which he referred to the ordinance which he claims had been broken, to wit: "That law is made to protect your and my family from impostors who go around and rob men." The magistrate knew that all the defendants were Christian men and women and that they could not properly be classed as "impostors and robbers", and in proof of this I quote further his words from the record, to wit: "I think your intentions are all right and that you are good Christian people." If he was sincere in this latter statement his other words and conduct in connection with the case were wholly out of order. It is manifest that there was exercised by priests and clergymen some cruel and malicious influence which caused these inoffensive, innocent and devout Christian people, without just cause or excuse, to be incarcerated in prison.

Many good citizens of this land are asking why such outrageous things are possible in this country, where the fundamental law of the land provides that every person shall worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. In this time of greatest stress and suffering of the people these good Christian men and women, who earn their bread by daily labor, employ their days of rest, and particularly Sundays, in going from house to house to comfort and encourage the people and to point out to them that the hope of relief and blessing for mankind rests entirely upon Jehovah God's kingdom. The real persecutors of these humble men and women are known to be prominent leaders in the religious world. The people are entitled to know why this religious intolerance is practiced in this day of enlightenment, and I shall submit to you the conclusive answer to that question.

The Bible or Holy Scriptures contains Jehovah God's Word of truth. The clergy are compelled to admit that. Court officials lay their

hand upon the Bible and solemnly swear by it to tell the truth. All such are therefore precluded from gainsaying the Bible as true, and they tacitly admit that they must be bound by the teachings of the Bible. By the Bible, and it alone, I shall answer the question why religious intolerance is practiced now in this country.

The Creator of heaven and earth is the Almighty God, whose name alone is Jehovah. The name "Jehovah" means the Eternal One and His purposes toward His creatures. There is a mimic god who opposes Jehovah God and who is man's worst enemy, and the name of that mimic god is Satan the Devil. He is otherwise known as Serpent and Dragon. Centuries ago the Devil challenged Jehovah to place men on earth who would remain true and faithful to God under all conditions, the Devil claiming that he could turn all men away from and against Jehovah. That challenge raised the issue of Who is supreme? Jehovah could have killed the Devil immediately, but had He done so the Devil would have been denied the opportunity to make proof of his challenge and all creation would have been denied the opportunity to choose voluntarily to serve either God or the Devil. Jehovah grants to every man the privilege of exercising freely his own will.

Jehovah God accepted the Devil's challenge, and fixed a time limit, during which time the Devil should have full opportunity to prove his boasted challenge. Therefore Jehovah said to the Devil, as is recorded in the Scriptures: "But for this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they may proclaim my name throughout all the earth." (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*) This means that in due time Jehovah would have His name declared in all the earth by His witnesses that the people might have the opportunity to choose as to whether they would serve Jehovah God or whether they would continue to serve the Devil. That time has now come; and that is the reason why the question for consideration today is of such great importance to you, regardless of what previous religious convictions you may have held. It is to your interest to have the truth even though the truth proves all religions to be false. It is only by the truth that we shall be made free and learn the way to eternal life. —John 8:32.

From the very beginning the Devil attempted to destroy every one who was faithful to God. He caused Abel to be murdered, and is therefore

designated a "murderer from the beginning". (John 8:44) Early in the age of man the Devil organized religion and used it as a means of deception to turn the people away from Jehovah. In the name of religion the greatest amount of intolerance has been practiced amongst men. Intolerance is never employed by Jehovah or by His faithful servants, but it is used by and is limited entirely to Satan and to his servants. The religions which the Devil has employed to turn men away from Jehovah God appear at different times under different names, but the general Bible name therefor is Baalism. The word "Baal" is derived from the word meaning Devil; and therefore every religion, regardless of name, and which the Devil has employed to turn men away from Jehovah, is properly called Baalism. For centuries the Devil has been the invisible ruler of this world, and as such has constantly blinded men lest they learn the truth. (2 Corinthians 4:4) Long centuries ago Jehovah gave His word that in His due time He would send a righteous ruler who would rule in the stead of Satan and who would destroy the Devil and his organization and who would then give abundant blessings of peace and life to the obedient ones of the human race. God always keeps His promises, and that promise is absolutely certain to be fulfilled.

Jehovah God organized the Jews, or Israelites, into a nation and gave them the truth. He did not do this because the Jews were naturally better than others, but because He would use them as His typical people by whom He would teach others lessons of great importance, and, especially, that if they would live they must be obedient to Jehovah God. The Jews agreed to obey Jehovah's law, but later they yielded to the subtle and seductive influence of the Devil, and that nation, with but a few exceptions, turned away from Jehovah God.

To His chosen people Jehovah sent His faithful prophets, whom He made His witnesses in the earth to testify His truth to the people. Because these faithful prophets testified to the truth they suffered all manner of persecution at the hands of bigots and intolerant ones in the religious organization. From the Scriptures I quote the following concerning those faithful witnesses of Jehovah, to wit: "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets; who through faith subdued king-

doms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover, of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise."—Hebrews 11: 32, 33, 36-39.

Who caused the persecution of those faithful prophets? It is obvious that Satan by and through his intolerant religious agents did so. God's agents would not torture and persecute His own people. God permitted Satan to do his worst against those men, and at the same time afforded an opportunity to them to prove their integrity and faithfulness to God. They proved their faithfulness, sealing their testimony with their lifeblood.

Then Jehovah God sent to earth His great Prophet and Witness, Jesus, His beloved Son. Today big religionists, public officials and the metropolitan press speak with scorn and ridicule of men and women because they designate themselves Jehovah's witnesses. In this connection I mention the fact that Jesus Christ was Jehovah's great Witness, and it is man's greatest privilege to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to be a witness to the name of Jehovah. When on earth Jesus bore witness to the name of Jehovah. He was haled before the then great Roman ruler of Palestine, and, in answer to a question of Pilate, He said: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."—John 18: 37.

Jesus, the holy and harmless One, never did a wrong, yet was charged with every crime known to the calendar, and time and again men sought to kill Him. Finally He was arrested on the false charge of sedition and was brought before the court and His trial was had, which trial was a farce and mockery from beginning to end. The trial of the fifty witnesses of Jehovah in Plainfield a short time ago forcibly reminds one of the trial of Christ Jesus. Read, if you will, the history of that trial in the book designated *Deliverance* and mark the similarity between the two. Jesus was compelled to testify against himself, even as men and women were made to

bear witness against themselves in the trial recently had. In both instances such course of action was unlawful. Jesus was convicted without just cause or excuse and was put to an ignominious death, and this was done by a court made up of religionists who claimed to be servants of Jehovah God.

Jesus and His apostles did not build houses in which they assembled the people to preach to them, but they went from house to house, to the homes of the people, and taught them the truth, even as Jehovah's witnesses are doing in this day. (Acts 20: 20; Luke 19: 5) The apostles of Jesus Christ, because they preached the gospel, were also maltreated, arrested and thrown into prison. These faithful apostles were abused by court officers and ordered to leave the community and to refrain from their work, and to them the apostles replied: "We ought to obey God rather than men," because "we are his witnesses". (Acts 5: 29, 30, 32) The faithful apostles continued to bear witness to the name of Jehovah, and their maltreatment and persecution continued and they all died as martyrs, sealing their testimony with their lifeblood.

Following the days of the apostles true Christianity continued to grow, and the Roman emperor Constantine, manifestly for a selfish purpose, formed a state religion and labeled it "Christianity" on earth. There is where the Papal system of Rome had its birth. Thereafter followed the most wicked inquisition and persecution of the true followers of Christ Jesus. The fires of torture were kept burning for years in the countries of Italy, Spain, France, Mexico and other places, and millions of people, by such inquisition and torture, were compelled to support the Papal religious system. I am referring to these facts briefly in order to show the constant course of religious intolerance that has existed and persisted for centuries, and then I shall point out from divine prophecy the cause for such unjust and wicked treatment of innocent human creatures.

Religious intolerance and persecution maliciously practiced in Europe drove brave men and women to the bleak shores of America, that there they might find a refuge where they could worship God in peace and without interference. It was those brave souls who laid the foundation of the American republic. So completely had religious intolerance been burned into the minds of these early immigrants to America that the framers of the United States Constitution and

the constitutions of the various states expressly prohibited by such fundamental law any interference with any person in preaching the gospel and provided that men should be privileged to serve God and preach the gospel according to the dictates of their own conscience.

Selfish and cruel organizations, parading under the name of "Christian", have steadily and constantly increased in America. They have grown in numbers and grown in power. One of these organizations, to wit, the Papal system, has made every possible attempt to control the United States Government, but up to this hour, thank God, it has never been able to put one of its crowd in the office of president of the United States. The people of America, knowing the history of this system, have resisted every encroachment upon the political affairs, and for this reason the Papal representatives have been the ones who have howled the loudest about bigotry and intolerance.

In these last days, when the faithful followers of Christ Jesus under the clear command of the Almighty God go about to tell the truth to the people in order that the people may be aided and receive comfort, these witnesses are subjected to the most vicious persecution, and this is done upon the pretext of "protecting the people from impostors and robbers". It is apparent to all that such pretexts or claims are hypocritical and false in the extreme. The persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in Plainfield and vicinity during the past few months has greatly shamed and stunned those who love the principles upon which the American government is founded. The fiasco in the form of a court trial that was enacted in Plainfield recently by men who had sworn to render fair and even-handed justice to its citizens, shocks the sensibilities of every self-respecting American lawyer and causes all honest Americans to hang their heads in shame and to ask, How is it possible for such religious intolerance to be practiced in America now?

INSTIGATORS

The fact that men claim to represent and serve Jehovah God is no evidence that their claim is true. On the contrary, the known facts abundantly show that wicked men and wicked systems parade under the name of God and His Christ who do not have the spirit of Christ but who are cruel in the extreme and who manifest the spirit of Satan the Devil. Those who caused the persecution of Jehovah's prophets were all

religionists. The men who persistently persecuted Jesus, and who caused His death, were the clergymen of that day, and who posed before the people as teachers of God's Word. The great inquisition practiced for years in Spain and other countries was instigated and carried forward by clergymen of the Papal system. The intolerant persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey and other places in this day is instigated and pushed forward by the clergymen, who pose before the people as preachers and servants of Jehovah God. Jehovah is the God of justice and love and He never persecutes any creature, and no one who is the servant of God could or would persecute any man. Whom, then, do these instigators of religious persecution in modern times represent? Jesus answered that question when He said to the clergymen of His day who were persecuting Him: "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8: 40, 43, 44) Jesus authoritatively shows that those men who fraudulently claimed to represent God were in fact the active agents of Satan the Devil. That rule applies at all times.

Then turning to His true followers Christ Jesus said to them: "If they [the clergy] have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." (John 15: 20) And thus He fixes the responsibility for such persecutions upon the clergy. It was the clergy class that persecuted the apostles of Jesus to death. It is the clergy who have instigated and are pushing forward the intolerant persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey, and upon the authority of the statement made by Jesus these persecutors fraudulently claim to be Christians and to represent God but in fact are the agents and representatives of the Devil and his bidding they will do.

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Now I submit to you the conclusive proof from the Scriptures as to why religious intolerance is practiced in this day; and the specific answer is of vital importance to every human creature, regardless of religious convictions.

Jehovah God declares in His Word that He

permits Satan to go on unhindered in his wicked work until the end of a certain and fixed time and at that time He will destroy Satan and all his agencies. He appointed Christ Jesus to inflict that punishment. When Jesus ascended on high Jehovah said to Him: 'You must wait until my due time to put down the enemy and destroy him.' (Psalm 110:1) The Scriptures then show that the year 1914 marks the end of that period of time for waiting and the beginning of the reign of Christ. In His great prophecy recorded in Matthew twenty-four Jesus states that that time would be marked by a world war, followed quickly by famine, pestilence, revolution and distress of nations. All of these things have come to pass since, and which began to have fulfilment in 1914. The Scriptures show that, at the same time, a war was fought in heaven by Jesus and His angels against Satan and his forces and that Satan was ousted from heaven and cast down to the earth. This record is found in the twelfth chapter of Revelation. All of you know that since 1914 the peoples of earth have been in great distress and perplexity. The reason for such suffering and perplexity on the part of the people is made clear by the words of Jesus recorded in Revelation 12:12, which read: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Satan knows that his time is short until the great battle of Armageddon, which will then be decisive as to who is supreme, and at which time Satan's organization shall be destroyed. Before that great battle takes place, however, God commands that His witnesses must go through the land and bear testimony before the rulers and before the people of and concerning Jehovah and His kingdom. (Isaiah 43:10-12; Matthew 24:14) This is done in order that the people may be informed of God's purpose to destroy the wicked one and to establish a righteous government on earth which will be the means of the complete uplift and blessing of the human race.

In obedience to this commandment of Jehovah faithful men and women devoted to God and His kingdom now go from house to house preaching the good news or gospel of the Kingdom. They are not doing such work for commercial gain, but they are doing it at great financial loss to themselves. They work in the shops and in the fields to earn their bread, and then devote their spare time to preaching the gospel accord-

ing to God's commandment; and this they do because they love God and have agreed to do His will. In doing this they are but pursuing their divinely given rights of worshiping God according to the dictates of their conscience, and with which rights no municipality, state or other government can properly and rightfully interfere.

Since the Constitution forbids the enactment of any law or laws interfering with the preaching of the gospel, then why are these faithful witnesses of Jehovah arrested and thrown into jail? That question is answered by the Lord, at Revelation 12:17. Jehovah's testimony is committed primarily to Christ Jesus, and He commits to His faithful followers, who are also Jehovah's witnesses, the obligation of delivering such testimony. For this reason Satan the Devil seeks to destroy every one who is telling God's truth. Jehovah's witnesses now on earth constitute the remnant of God's organization, which organization is symbolized in this scripture by a woman, and the Lord says concerning these that the Devil is extremely mad at them and goes forth to make war against those who keep the commandments of God and who have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 12:17) That scripture is conclusive proof that the Devil is the one who instigates and carries forward the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses and that the visible persecutors of these witnesses of Jehovah are acting for and as agents of the Devil. Even though priest, clergymen and other associates in persecuting Jehovah's witnesses claim to be Christian, the facts show that such claims are false, for the reason that God and Christ Jesus do not persecute anyone and certainly God would not have one set of His servants to intolerantly persecute another company of His servants.

If these fifty or more men and women who were recently persecuted and imprisoned upon the charge of being peddlers and hawkers are in truth and in fact Jehovah's witnesses and His representatives, and if the charge is false, why then would Jehovah permit them to be thus wrongfully treated and persecuted by men who represent the Devil? The answer is, In order to cause the enemies of God to identify and mark themselves and to afford opportunity for Jehovah's witnesses to prove their faithfulness.

The Scriptural answer to that question is illuminating and of vital importance. The Scriptures declare that what came to pass upon the

Jews, or Israelites, foreshadowed what must come to pass on "organized Christianity" at the end of the world, where we now are. (1 Corinthians 10:11) "Christendom," or "organized Christianity", is the antitype of ancient Israel. The Devil overreached the Israelites and turned them away from God. Likewise the Devil has overreached "organized Christianity", particularly the leaders thereof, and turned such away from God. Because the Jews indulged in Baal religion and persecuted Jehovah's faithful prophets who were sent to teach them, Jehovah selected Jehu, made him His executioner, and sent him to inflict punishment upon the Baal worshipers of Jewry. On that occasion Jehu was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom God has appointed to execute His judgment against all of His enemies, and particularly against "Christendom".

Jehu called a great assembly of the people, and every one of the Baal worshipers assembled at one place. Then Jehu commanded that all the preachers, prophets, clergymen, priests, servants and worshipers of Baal should put on garments by which they would identify themselves as the followers and worshipers of Baal, and this they did. In that manner Jehu caused every one of them to identify himself and to take his stand either on the side of Baal or on the side of Jehovah God. This marvelous picture is set forth in 2 Kings 10:19-28. When the identification and the division were complete, then Jehu directed his soldiers to slay utterly every one of the Baal worshipers, and this was done; and thus ended Baal worship in Palestine at that time.

That graphic identification and the slaying prophetically foretold the identification and destruction of all false religions in the world, and particularly the destruction of all those who defame God's name and persecute His faithful witnesses.

The purpose of Jehovah's witnesses in going from house to house in this day and preaching the gospel of God's kingdom is not to convert the world. The purpose, according to the commandment of God, is to notify the rulers and the people that Jehovah is the God supreme, and that His kingdom is at hand, and that God will now vindicate His name, and that He will now afford the opportunity to all who hear to identify themselves as being either on the side of Jehovah God or on the side of His enemy the Devil. That explains why during the time

since the World War Jehovah's witnesses have been permitted to proclaim the message of His kingdom throughout "Christendom", and explains why it has been possible in that time to print the message of the Kingdom in fifty-eight different languages and to put in the hands of the people more than 140 million books containing that message. All this work has been done at God's commandment to give the people an opportunity to identify themselves as to where they stand. This is God's work, and no human power can stop it. The intolerant persecutors may throw many of Jehovah's witnesses into prison and kill others, but that will not stop the witness work. Where one falls in the ranks Jehovah God will raise up others to take his place. He has decreed that the testimony must be given, and it will be given.

Jehovah's witnesses are preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, not for filthy money, but in obedience to God's commandment, and the only way for men to be faithful to Jehovah and to their covenant is to obey His commandment. Like the early apostles, the witnesses count not their lives dear unto themselves and they are determined to obey God and not man; and for this reason they go on amidst great opposition, bearing testimony to the kingdom of Jehovah.

The proof shows that in every instance it has been and is the priests, pastors or clergymen of so-called "organized Christianity" who cause the persecution and ill treatment of Jehovah's witnesses. Those clergymen are therefore most reprehensible. By their action they have identified themselves as being against God and for His enemy the Devil. The message of the Kingdom in printed form has been supplied to them by Jehovah's witnesses, and that without charge, and they now without just cause or excuse attempt to hide their wrongful action behind some municipal ordinance, and use this as a shield while they carry on the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. Thus they completely identify and mark themselves. The rulers of "Christendom" have likewise been served with copies of the message of the Kingdom, which affords them an opportunity to take their stand on one side or the other. Police officers, magistrates and judges of the courts are also putting on the garments and thus identifying themselves as to where they stand. Jehovah God therefore permits the persecution of His faithful witnesses now for the very purpose of furnishing opportunity for men to identify and mark themselves

and to thus take their stand on one side or on the other.

Now the message of the Kingdom must go to the *people*, that they may have an opportunity to identify themselves and to take their stand on one side or the other. The message or gospel of the Kingdom is therefore separating the people into two general classes, and Christ Jesus is the one who is doing that separating work. With which class will you identify yourself? That is a question now which every one who hears must answer. You cannot identify yourself as being on God's side and at the same time connive at and sympathize with or approve the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. One of the reasons, therefore, why God permits His witnesses to thus suffer is for your benefit, that you may see the truth and have the opportunity of identifying yourself with the right side.

SHEEP AND GOATS

The last prophetic parable Jesus spoke when on earth was that concerning "the sheep and the goats", and which prophecy He said would find its fulfilment at the time of His coming for judgment. That time is now here, and the people are thus gathered and by Him made to identify themselves, even as Jehu, the prototype of Jesus, caused the Israelites and Baal worshipers to identify themselves. Jehovah has given the people of the nations of "Christendom" a knowledge of His kingdom, and thus He has gathered them before His Executioner, and who says, as it is written in Matthew 25: "And he shall separate them [the people] . . . as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." "His sheep" means the class that are on the Lord's side, while the "goats" represent the class that are against the Lord and on the Devil's side. Continuing then Jesus said: "And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left." (Matthew 25:33) In this striking prophetic parable Jesus counts His true and faithful followers as though they were Himself, and the people who have been good to His followers He credits as being good unto Himself; and those who have illtreated His brethren or followers He counts as doing evil to Himself. Thus He brings the application of the scripture right down to the present day. He shows that if a person abuses, illtreats or persecutes Jehovah's witnesses, that person thus identifies himself as an enemy of God and of Christ.

Many of you people have been glad to have

Jehovah's witnesses call at your door and tell you the comforting message concerning God's gracious provision for your blessing. In turn you have given them a cup of refreshing water to drink; and if you found one of them sick you gladly ministered unto that sick one. When the twenty-nine harmless women were crowded into those hot prison cells and required to stand there all night amidst suffering, some of you stood in the streets at midnight and sympathized with them and wished that you might do some good to them. You wanted to comfort them by your presence. The Lord knew your heart condition and your desire and your kind sympathy. He counts that goodness as unto Himself and He likens such who thus sympathize with Him to sheep. To such Jesus says: "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." (Matthew 25:35,36) On the other hand there is a class of persons pictured by goats because such men are cruel and heartless. Such men are extremely selfish. They have caused innocent men and women to be thrown into prison because they wanted to keep you in ignorance of the goodness of God's kingdom and to save themselves from being exposed as false teachers and impostors. When men and women assembled in the streets in close proximity to the prison for the purpose of expressing by their presence their sympathy and comfort to the imprisoned ones, and when some tried to make a photograph of the sympathizers and the prisoners, such sympathizers, as well as the prisoners, were illtreated and thrown into prison. Thus the harsh ones, cruel and intolerant persecutors, put themselves in the goat class, and to these billy-goats Jesus now says: "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." (Matthew 25:42-45) Thus Jehovah permits cruel and selfish men to intolerantly persecute His faithful witnesses in order that His faithful ones may bear testi-

mony to His name and at the same time cause the persecutors to identify themselves as being against God and His kingdom. Clergymen who pose as your spiritual advisers, and public officials who have sworn to look well to your general interest, have violated their obligation, played the people false, reproached and sneered at and defamed the name of Jehovah God and His Christ, and thus they have put on the garments and have identified themselves as God's enemies.

Now, if you will, hear the words of final judgment of Jehovah pronounced by Christ Jesus concerning these two classes who have thus identified themselves. To those who identify themselves as lovers of truth and righteousness, and who are designated under the symbol of harmless sheep and whom the Lord thus places on His right hand of favor, He now says: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Happy is the lot of such!

To the cruel, malicious and ruthless persecutors of Jehovah's witnesses and defamers of God's name, the great Judge, Christ Jesus, now says, as it is written (verses 41 and 46): "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Furthermore Jesus said: "Shall not God avenge his own elect [witnesses]?" Then He answers His own question and says: "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."—Luke 18:7, 8.

In the past two years and more the clergy of this state have persistently and intolerantly persecuted Jehovah's witnesses, not for doing wrong, but because these faithful men and women, at great financial and physical inconvenience to themselves, have walked in the roads and come to your homes to bring you aid and comfort by bearing testimony to the name of Jehovah and His kingdom. By the intolerance of these priests and clergymen they have thus prevented many honest Catholics and Protestants from hearing the message of God's kingdom. They have done the people a positive injury and have abused and defamed God's holy name. It appears to me that by the long and cruel persecution of these faithful men and women God has permitted this day to come that the honest people may hear the truth and have the opportunity to see how they have been grossly deceived by men who should know better.

As further proof that God has permitted His faithful witnesses to suffer at the hands of intolerant persecutors in order to cause the persecutors to identify themselves as against Jehovah, note the words of Jesus addressed to His faithful followers, at Mark 13:9: "They [the intolerant persecutors or clergy and their allies] shall deliver you up to [the courts]; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten; and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, *for a testimony against them,*" that is, against your persecutors.

Every man must stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and these men who have wrongfully and intolerantly caused the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses will never be heard to make the defense that they did not know they were fighting against God. (2 Corinthians 5:10) They claim to be teachers of the Bible, and they are bound to know what is therein contained. By their course of action they oppose the message of God's kingdom, and thus they bear testimony against themselves that they are guilty before God. The hypocritical claim that they are punishing Christian men and women in order to "protect the people against impostors and robbers" will be no excuse or defense before the Lord.

The faithful witnesses of Jehovah who thus suffer for righteousness' sake thereby maintain their integrity before God. Filthy prisons will not deter these men and women from continuing to give their testimony. They will rejoice to continue their faithfulness unto God even unto death and to suffer as Christ Jesus suffered. To them therefore the Lord caused these words to be written, at 1 Peter 4:14: "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

But shame upon the priests and clergymen who have connived at and caused the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in order that they might keep the people in ignorance of the truth and thus shield themselves from exposure; shame upon those who have been ready and willing to class Jehovah's witnesses as selfish peddlers and hawkers in order that they might serve their own selfish ends; shame upon the lawyers who practice upon the bench and before the bar, who because of fear of losing some personal advantage have side-stepped the issue and failed and refused to decide squarely the ques-

tion as to whether or not men can be prevented from preaching the gospel of God's kingdom by the enactment and enforcement of municipal ordinances leveled against peddlers and hawkers.

The reason for this is that we have come to the great crisis foretold by the holy prophets of old. God has placed Christ His King upon His throne and has seated Him in His temple for judgment and commands all men to hear Him. Because of the subtle and wrongful influence of the clergy as Satan's agents, lawyers, judges and public officials are ashamed of the name of Jesus Christ and of Jehovah and are ashamed to do their duty concerning the construction and enforcement of the law of the land. To such fearful ones Jesus now says (Luke 9:26): "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."

The world has ended and the Devil must surrender possession. Before he is completely ousted, however, God commands that His testimony concerning the Kingdom must be delivered by His witnesses. Regardless of all opposition these faithful witnesses will proceed to give that testimony; and when that work is done, Jesus declares, there shall immediately follow upon the world the greatest tribulation ever known. (Matthew 24:14-22) That will be the battle of the great day of God Almighty, and not one persecutor of Jehovah's witnesses shall

survive. (Jeremiah 25:34) To the people of good will, and who want to do right and who want to identify themselves as on Jehovah's side, He now says through His prophet: 'Before the wrath of God break upon you, seek meekness and righteousness if you would be hidden and taken through that trouble.' (Zephaniah 2:1-3) Therefore let every one who would live refrain from the intolerant persecution of Jehovah's witnesses, seek meekness and do that which is right. In the language of the Scriptures: 'If this work be of men it will come to naught; but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it.'—Acts 5:38, 39.

To His faithful witnesses Jehovah by His Word now says: 'Be of good courage: the eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.' At the hands of religious hypocrites you have suffered much persecution for righteousness' sake. Our Lord Jesus likewise suffered, and blessed is the man or woman who follows in His steps. (1 Peter 2:21) It is to you as His faithful followers that Jesus now says (Matthew 5:10-12): "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

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JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S OPEN LETTER TO THE CATHOLIC PRESS OF AMERICA ANSWERING THEIR ATTACK ON RADIO STATIONS

[The citizens of America who love truth, fair-dealing, freedom of thought and freedom of speech, will read with keen interest the letter in this issue by Judge Rutherford addressed to the Catholic press in reply to the unwarranted and un-American attack upon him and radio stations which have broadcast his lectures. We are of the opinion that the American people are not yet ready to submit to any organized religious association the right to determine what the people shall hear.—*Editorial note*]

To the Catholic Press and Specifically to the Editors of the Following Named Newspapers

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THE CATHOLIC BULLETIN

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DUBUQUE, IOWA

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PROVIDENCE, R. I.

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HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

THE CATHOLIC NEWS

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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SIRS:

Just now on my return from Europe I find that in my absence your papers have inaugurated a campaign to prevent the American people from hearing the truth of Jehovah God's Word which it has been my privilege to tell them for some time. You make me the scapegoat in order to thus deprive the people of the opportunity of learning at this time the very things that they should know, to wit: That Jehovah is the Almighty God; that Christ Jesus is His anointed King; and that the worship of man is an abomination in the sight of God; and that the kingdom of God under Christ is the only remedy for suffering humanity.

This letter I am addressing to you jointly and severally because the charges in your papers are similar and show that you are acting in concert. I have hopes that there may be at least one fair-minded editor among you who will publish this letter that your numerous readers may hear both sides of the case. Your failure to publish this letter will be unfair to the public

and may compel me to get this information to the people in another way. Newspapers should publish the truth, if for no other reason than the fact that they accept money from the people for subscriptions upon the implied contract at least that they will publish the truth. The publication of only a small part of the truth is much more unfair than to make no publication at all.

EX-CONVICT STORY: You have attempted to belittle me in the eyes of your readers and thus to do injury to the message I have spoken by charging that I am an "ex-convict", which charge is untrue. A convict is one who is guilty and is convicted of a crime. When the judgment of a law court is reversed and the case is then dismissed the man against whom the judgment was rendered is exonerated and he is therefore not a convict.

Briefly I refer to the facts that you may recall what you should already know: The clergy have hated me for years because I have followed the lead of the Lord Jesus Christ and told the people the truth only as He taught it. A num-

ber of those men wanted to kill me, and they attempted to find some legal means by which they could accomplish their wicked purpose. The World War seemed to furnish them an opportunity. Shortly after the United States entered the war a convention of clergymen assembled in Philadelphia, laid out a plan of action, and then selected and sent a committee to Washington to carry out their wrongful purpose. They presented a petition to a committee of the United States Senate demanding that the Espionage law be so amended that the trial of alleged offenders must be held before a military court and that the penalty to be inflicted must be death. President Wilson disapproved of their course and the Senate did not amend the law as the clergy desired. A general of the United States army, in the presence of two witnesses besides myself, told me the above facts and then added: "But they are going to get you at any rate."

In the spring of 1918 the clergy and their allies "framed" a case against all the officers of our Society, including myself. I was charged with the publication of an objectionable paragraph in a book which I did not write and which was written and published before the United States entered the war and before the enactment of the Espionage law. Upon this and other illegal testimony, and at the direction of a prejudiced judge, and during the excitement of the war, a jury returned a verdict of guilty and we were sentenced each to eighty years in prison. A Catholic judge denied us the privilege of bail, which the Constitution guarantees we should have, and we were immediately landed in prison. My attorneys prepared a brief setting forth 125 errors in the record of that trial. When the case was presented to a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States upon an application for bail Justice Holmes immediately admitted us to bail. The case was then heard by the appellate court, and the judgment reversed and remanded. Because of the gross outrage practiced upon me and my brethren three United States senators and two other prominent American lawyers volunteered to defend me at the next trial. Shortly thereafter the Government dismissed the case and we were thereby exonerated.

But for the sake of the argument, suppose I were a convict according to your definition. Would that be cause to reject the truth of God's Word which I am proclaiming? Jesus Christ,

Jehovah's greatest witness, was a "convict", wrongfully charged and convicted of the crime of sedition, and His conviction and death were procured by the clergy of His time; and which wrongdoers find their counterpart in the clergy of the present time. I am delighted to be permitted to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to be in the same class where the clergy placed Him.

Your papers try to convey to the public the thought that I attempted to hide the fact of this unlawful trial and that you had kept it alive by pigeonholing the facts at the time and now brought it forth. You ought to know better than to try to put over such a falsehood on the people. The clergy thought that court experience above related would finish me for ever. But they were doomed to disappointment. Immediately following my release I visited every large city in America and by full-page advertisements in the largest daily papers invited the public to come and hear. The advertisements amongst other things said: "SENT TO PRISON FOR EIGHTY YEARS BY THE CONSPIRACY OF THE CLERGY—COME AND HEAR THE REASON WHY." The people crowded out every great hall and theater where I spoke, thousands being turned away. That persecution by the clergy had much to do with advertising our work and enabled me no doubt to write and cause to be placed in the hands of the people more than 140 million books since that time, which books contain the message of God's kingdom and which are published in 58 different languages. You are welcome to all the satisfaction you can get out of that "ex-convict" story.

RADIO: Because in a recent radio address I stated the plain truth for the benefit of the people, your papers, at the instance of Catholic clergymen, began a vicious campaign to "silence" me. Vigorously you say, "Rutherford must be muzzled; he must be silenced; put him off the air." With the hope of accomplishing that end you and your associates inaugurated a campaign of coercion against radio stations. You threatened to boycott these stations, to cause building contracts and paint contracts, and many other contracts, to be canceled, and to use every means within your power to injure the stations and their clients financially. All fair-minded men and women must and do condemn your course of action and your mode of procedure which is entirely un-American and unfair. The people are entitled to know the truth. If I

have stated falsehoods against your organization, then it is your duty to show the people wherein the statements made by me are untrue.

It appears that the Catholic clergymen have no weapon of defense except a gag and a bludgeon. Every man who speaks the truth, which truth does not tingle the ears of the clergy, the Catholic clergy say should be gagged. Every one who publishes the truth contrary to their ideas of what is right the Catholic clergy say should be browbeaten, coerced and clubbed into submission. God and Christ Jesus never employed any such methods, and that of itself is most conclusive proof that men who resort to the gag and bludgeon method do not represent God and Christ. Such methods used to keep the people in ignorance and to blind them to the truth are the ones employed by Satan the Devil. (2 Corinthians 4:4) When a man, whether a clergyman or the editor of a newspaper, resorts to the gag and bludgeon method, whom then does he represent, God or the Devil? Judge ye!

The gag and bludgeon method employed by you and the clergymen of your organization frightened a few radio stations into submission and caused them to cancel their contracts. Out of the numerous radio stations in the United States used by me to broadcast the truth you succeeded in inducing ten stations to cancel their contracts. That is a rather good record in America for your method of procedure. If you had a Roman Catholic in the office of president of the United States now you would browbeat every radio station in the land into submission. Thank God your intolerant organization has never been able to place one of your organization in the office of president of the United States. The more the American people learn about you and your unjust methods, the more they shun you; and you know that to be true, and that is why you employ the gag and bludgeon. There are millions of good Catholic people who heartily disapprove of your unrighteous methods of suppressing the truth, and of this I have positive knowledge.

SLANDER: You charge me with attacking men with slanderous speech. That charge is wholly untrue. Never have I delivered a radio speech or other public address in which I have attacked any man. I have called in question the *doctrines* men teach to the people; and if that is not permissible, then the people would be compelled to hear only what your side has to say, regard-

less of how untrue your statements are. That is another proof of your coercive and bludgeon methods. I have no quarrel with any individual, and no occasion to attack personally any man.

You claim to believe the Bible and to teach it, and therefore you are bound by what the Bible says. The Bible says that Jehovah is the only true God, and that Christ Jesus His beloved Son is King; that Satan the Devil is the opponent of God, and that the Devil resorts to fraud, deceit, coercion and bludgeon methods to blind the people to the truth. Men are either servants of God or servants of Satan the Devil, and by the fruits or doctrines which they carry to the people it is to be determined whom they represent. It is written in the Scriptures: "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16) In harmony with this Jesus states: "He that is not with me is against me"; and that is true whether the one be a priest or a layman. (Luke 11:23) Again: "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Romans 8:9) Christ never employed coercive, gag or bludgeon methods to accomplish His purposes. When men employ such wrongful methods, contrary to Christ, then they prove that they have not the spirit of Christ, and that they are not His servants but that they are servants of the enemy of God and Christ.

It is true that the "spirit of Christ is love", but that does not mean that He loved wickedness and that He stood by and saw pious-faced hypocrites proceed to deceive the people and remained silent because He might "offend the sensibilities" of the clergy or some of their allies. Read the twenty-third chapter of Matthew, wherein Jesus denounced the clergy of His day in the most scathing language that has ever been applied to any creatures. He was speaking to men then who posed before the people as the representatives of God, and He plainly told them that they were hypocrites. Love, which is the spirit of Christ, means an unselfish effort put forth to do good to others and to honor Jehovah God. It does not mean to consent to the name of Jehovah God's being defamed. The mere fact that a man bears the title of clergyman or priest is no evidence that such a man represents God or Christ or that he speaks the truth. In proof of this, note the words of Jesus addressed to the clergymen and priests of His

day who denounced Him for telling the truth. He said to them: "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God. . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your *father the devil*, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:40-44) The Scriptures then show that exactly a similar condition would exist at the end of the world, where we now are, and that clergymen would boast of their own goodness and greatness and defame God's name and persecute humble men and women who attempt to tell the truth.—See John 15:19, 20; Mark 13:9; 2 Timothy 3:1-6.

Why should the people be denied the opportunity of learning what God's Word teaches, merely because those divine truths when uttered "offend the sensibilities" of certain men who are not in harmony with God? I agree that one man has no right to attack another man personally; but when any man brings forth a doctrine relating to God's dealing with the human race and asks the people to believe that doctrine, then it is the right and duty of others who do not agree to call attention to the fact that such doctrines promulgated do not proceed from God but proceed from God's enemy the Devil.

I have nothing against Catholics as men or women. I only take issue with the doctrines which that organization teaches. If the Catholic clergy want to be fair, why don't they accept my proposition to publicly discuss these questions or doctrines and then let the people determine for themselves which is truth? The gag and bludgeon method can never make any of the people free, but, in the language of Jesus, "the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) You claim to speak for millions of Catholics; but I tell you that you do not speak for them. There are millions of good people in the Catholic organization who do not believe what you say. Why not let them all have an opportunity to hear both sides of the question discussed and then let them speak for themselves? You are not their guardians except by self-appointment.

THE POPE: Your papers say that I "slandered the Pope whose integrity is unquestioned by any reputable character". You cannot cite a single word that I have ever uttered that is a

slander of the man who occupies the office of pope of the Catholic organization. I have said nothing whatsoever against him as a man. What I did say is that no man, pope or otherwise, has any authority from God and Christ to declare any year a holy year. Neither Jehovah God nor Christ Jesus ever created the office of pope, and nowhere in the Bible does any such title appear. Neither God nor Christ Jesus ever appointed any man to the position of pope of the Catholic organization, and I call upon you to publish one word from the Holy Scriptures that even tends to prove to the contrary. The title of pope was never applied to any man until more than 300 years after the crucifixion of Christ. (See Volumes 6 and 22, *Encyclopedia Britannica*; *McClintock & Strong's Encyclopedia*, Volume 8, page 403.) If God and Christ wanted the pope on earth to tell the people what they shall believe or not believe, then why does not the Bible, which is the Word of God, give some evidence of that fact?

I have no personal antipathy to the man who at the present time holds the office of pope of the Catholic church. So far as I know, he may be a good man of the highest integrity, as that term is generally applied. I know nothing about him except that recently when I used a number of radio stations in Europe to broadcast the message of God's kingdom I was informed that the pope had instructed all Catholics to refuse to listen to what I had to say. They did not obey him, however, because I had many letters of approval and commendation and best wishes from Catholics, which letters came from Holland, France, Austria, Spain, Italy and other places in Europe.

The fact that a man occupies the office of pope of the Catholic organization is no evidence that he speaks with divine authority or that he has the approval of God and of Christ. In proof of this I refer you to the historical facts concerning men of the past who have occupied that office. The records of many of these men are too bad to publish here. Some of them were exceedingly immoral and bad men, which proves that they were not servants of God and of Christ.

You speak of the pope as "the holy father", and your sensibilities are shocked when others do not publicly agree with you. You do this in the face of the plain statement by Jesus, to wit: "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Mat-

thew 23:9) Surely I should be permitted to quote the words of the Lord Jesus without offending honest men.

Since neither Jehovah God nor Christ created the office of pope and no mention is made thereof in the Word of God, and since God's Word does not authorize any man or the officer of any organization to declare this a "holy year", then I ask by what authority any official in any organization can declare this a "holy year". Is it your desire to mislead the people and to induce them to believe that a man has the authority and power to make any year holy? When this year is past and the people look back upon the great amount of suffering they have endured, and upon the great amount of wickedness and injustice practiced both inside and outside of the Catholic organization, they will well know that this is not a holy year, regardless of all proclamations concerning the same. There are millions of people on earth who do not believe that the pope has the authority or power to declare this or any other year a holy year, and other millions of people have the right to hear the evidence, that they too may determine for themselves what they want to believe.

I suggest to you that no court or tribunal in America has ever yet decided (and I hope never will) that a man can be prevented from calling in question the doctrines or teachings of other men or organizations. If such a coercive rule as you advocate were adopted and enforced, then it would mean that the political party in power could successfully prevent the other parties out of power from calling attention to actions and policies falsely advocated and practiced upon the people. If you could have your way you would compel the people of America to acknowledge without question the doctrines of the Catholic organization, which doctrines the masses of the people do not believe to be true. Whenever the courts exercise the power to prohibit the criticism of doctrines or teachings of any organization, then the liberties of the American people are gone and the purpose for which the nation was organized has ceased to exist. You, the editors of newspapers, who claim that you are publishing your papers in the interest of the people, by calling upon the radio commission to bar any man from the air because he calls in question the *doctrines* of your organization, are thereby demanding that the courts or tribunals take away the liberties of the people and keep the people in ignorance of what God's

Word plainly teaches. Whom do you then represent in thus trying to blind the people to the truth of Jehovah God's Word? (2 Corinthians 4:4) Surely you do not represent Jehovah God; and that being true, you must be the servants of the god of this world whether you know it or not.—Romans 6:16.

OTHER FALSEHOODS: Almost everything you have published about my radio speeches is false. You charge me with indulging in "vituperation", which is entirely foreign to the facts. Your statement concerning the radio and its use in Canada is also untrue. There some clergymen, who did not want to hear the truth, protested to the Commission and the Commission stopped the broadcast. You did not publish the further fact, however, that immediately thereafter 406,000 citizens of Canada filed with the Canadian House of Commons a petition asking that my lectures be continued on the air.

The message which I and my brethren are proclaiming is not the message of any man, but it is Jehovah God's message concerning His kingdom. You may be able to prevent radio stations from broadcasting the truth and the Lord may not interfere with you for a time, but His arm is not shortened and you will not at all retard the proclamation of His Word. Your opposition has only increased the desire of the people to hear more about God's kingdom, and Jehovah has provided the ways and means. **Already hundreds of transcription machines have been manufactured and placed in the hands of the people, with numerous records of speech, which are daily being delivered to the people and informing them concerning God's kingdom.** Every day the people are learning more and more that opposition such as you offer does not proceed from Jehovah, but that it proceeds from the god of this world, the Devil.

You say that these lectures are attacks on Catholics and insulting to Catholics. The people know that such statement by you is untrue. Every statement yet made in any of my lectures is fully supported by the Word of God, which is the truth. (John 17:17) No honest person could be insulted by God's Word of truth. There are many honest persons in the ranks of the Catholic organization who have been held there because they had no opportunity to hear and to learn the truth. But they are learning it now. For keeping the people in ignorance in this manner the pastors and clergymen and priests and

their allies are held liable, and God gives His Word that He will punish them for their wrongdoing.—See Ezekiel 34: 1-20; Jeremiah 25: 33-36.

You charge that my words are seditious; and that is wholly false. Never have I uttered a seditious word against the Government. It was the clergymen and priests and their allies that falsely charged Jesus with the crime of sedition; and hiding behind the judgment of a false and wicked court, they caused His precious blood to be wrongfully shed. You may get my life-blood and thereby hope to stop the proclamation of the truth; but be assured that the message of God's kingdom will continue to be proclaimed just the same. I am but one of those of Jehovah's witnesses who as a "voice in the wilderness" is crying out to the people that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and that this kingdom under Christ is the only hope of mankind. Your gag and bludgeon methods will not in any manner retard the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom, which He is now sending to the peoples of earth.

JUDGMENT: Jehovah God has written His judgment against Satan and every part of his organization, both visible and invisible, and at the battle of the great day of God Almighty, led by Jesus Christ, that judgment will be executed and every part of the wicked organization shall go down to destruction. Then the Catholic organization as such will be no more; and only those honest Catholics who turn their hearts away from "man worship", and who turn them wholly to the worship and service of Jehovah God and Christ, will survive. For this reason Jehovah now says to His people through His prophet: "Before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you . . . seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zephaniah 2: 2, 3.

God's judgment is written against the pastors and the shepherds and clergymen who have taught and misled the people and who together with the principal of their flocks have coerced radio stations and others to refrain from proclaiming the truth of God's kingdom. His judgment written shows that such opposers will find no way of escape at the execution of His judgment at Armageddon. Note Jeremiah 25: 34-36: "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock:

for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the Lord hath spoiled their pasture."

You complain because I speak the truth concerning "purgatory". For many years the Catholic organization has taught the people that their dead friends are conscious in a place called "purgatory" and that Catholic priests, who are merely imperfect men, can pray for the dead and benefit them and thereby shorten the duration of their punishment and in time secure their release from "purgatory". You will not attempt to deny this as one of the doctrines preached by your organization, and this you have done and continue to do in the face of the scriptures which read that 'all the dead are in the grave' (John 5: 28); and, "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." (Psalm 115: 17) "The dead *know not any thing*"; "there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest." (Ecclesiastes 9: 5, 10) You would have the people believe you rather than to believe God's Word of truth. By your teaching of this false doctrine of "purgatory" you have induced many a poor person to give up his or her money to have prayers said for their dead ones who are supposed to be in "purgatory". That is obtaining money by taking advantage of the ignorance of the people.

COMPARISON: In this letter I would have made no reference to personal deeds committed by men or organizations except for the fact that you have made it necessary. You could have opposed my speech without attacking me personally. In keeping with your fixed policy you have preferred the latter; therefore the comparison.

The best part of my life on earth and all my material substance has been spent in an honest endeavor to teach the people the plain Word of God's truth and to turn the minds of men away from creature worship and turn them to the faithful worship and service of Jehovah God that they might gain eternal life in endless happiness. In that time you have been able to find but one so-called 'black spot' on my record, namely, the fact that I was imprisoned during

the World War, and which imprisonment was procured by a cruel conspiracy formed and carried into effect by your organization.

The Catholic hierarchy has spent more than 1500 years in hiding the truth of God's Word from the people and in turning the minds of men to the service and worship of creatures instead of the worship and service of Jehovah God. The work of that hierarchy has been and is done by selfish men concerning which the Scriptures say: "Men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain [in numbers of followers and material wealth] is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." (1 Timothy 6:5) Every page of the history of the Catholic hierarchy is marked with black crime. It has employed the cruel Inquisition to compel the people to follow its doctrines and practices. It has in all those fifteen centuries resorted to coercion to silence everyone who has dared to call in question its doctrines. If your organization held and taught the truth you would welcome criticism and would gladly come forward and discuss the matter in the presence of the people, that they might exercise their own free will and determine for themselves what they wished to believe. Since you have no truth, and since your organization was 'born in sin and shapen in iniquity', you resort to cruel and oppressive methods to hide your sins and to deceive the people. Why don't you hear and teach the truth and encourage others to do likewise? In the language of Jesus the answer is, Because "ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do".—John 8:43, 44.

Although you know that up to this time there is no law in America to prevent the free expression of opinion concerning the doctrines or teachings of others, yet you continue to browbeat, threaten to boycott and otherwise to coerce radio stations to prevent the broadcasting of the truth. You claim that you do this in the interest of common decency and for the good of the people; which claim is hypocritical in the extreme. You cry "intolerance" and "bigotry", when in fact your organization is the most intolerant and bigoted one in existence.

Because I say to the public that no man, whether he be a pope or otherwise, can make a year holy, for the reason that only God can make things holy, you begin an intolerant campaign against me and my brethren, which campaign you carry on maliciously and without regard

for the rights of the people. Simultaneously the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses starts in the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. Did this *happen?* or is it the carrying out of an order from the headquarters of your hierarchy? You were the first ones in America to report the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in Bavaria; and this for the very reason that it was incited and carried out by members of your intolerant organization.

It was at the instance of your organization that in June last twenty-nine innocent and faithful women citizens of New Jersey were arrested in Plainfield and thrown into prison, crowded into small and filthy cells, and required to stand up all night, and this because as Jehovah's witnesses they were calling at the homes of the people in this time of distress, and seeking to comfort them by directing them to the study of God's Word of truth. The arrest and imprisonment of those good and faithful women was not only intolerant, but was barbaric cruelty, wholly uncalled for in a civilized land. There was a time when the Protestant church organizations resented your oppressive methods; but in this evil day they have ceased to protest, and this makes you ever more bold in your persecution of the true followers of Christ Jesus.

APPROACHING STORM: From every quarter of the earth I see gathering together the hordes of Satan under the leadership of Gog, of which the Catholic hierarchy is the greatest visible part, and all of these marching on with the malicious purpose and intent to accomplish the destruction of Jehovah's witnesses. I know that already your hierarchy is seeking some apparent legal excuse to kill all of Jehovah's witnesses. I would be appalled and faint with sickness because of what I see is shortly coming upon the earth were it not for the fact that Jehovah has given His Word that He will smite the wicked oppressive organization and deliver His faithful people. Jehovah's witnesses must and will finish the work God has assigned to them. That witness work may be about done for the present; and when completed, then there shall come upon the world, as the Lord Jesus declares, "great tribulation, such as was not [known] since the beginning of the world."—Matthew 24:14-22.

The clergy of the Catholic hierarchy have assumed to be shepherds of the people and call themselves such, but they are not true shepherds;

hence Jehovah now says to them: "Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them." (Ezekiel 34:10) Jehovah then says that **this shall be the plague** wherewith He will smite those that have fought against His organization: "Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." (Zechariah 14:12) Jehovah God will exercise His power in the interest of the poor and oppressed people: "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor." —Psalm 72:4.

Now, gentlemen, I have said nothing here in malice, but have written these lines wholly in the interest of truth and righteousness. I have called your attention to the Scriptures as well as to the facts, and every one who honestly serves God wants to be judged according to the Scriptures and the facts. "For we must all ap-

pear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10) You have received notice, and when standing before that judgment seat of Christ, who is the great Judge, you can never be heard to say that you ignorantly opposed the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom which is now being carried to the people by Jehovah's witnesses. I think you have heretofore received a copy of the *Kingdom* booklet; but, that there may be no mistake, I am sending each of you a copy, under separate cover, with my compliments.

You and other clergymen whom you represent have declined my kind invitation to come forth in the open and discuss the truth, that the people might hear and judge. You have thus prevented them from hearing the truth. You prefer to resort to coercion, gag and bludgeon methods to thus keep them in ignorance. You have received fair notice. Now you must take the responsibility.

Respectfully,

J. Rutherford

(The *Kingdom* booklet which Judge Rutherford mentions above, presenting a copy thereof to each of the Catholic newspaper editors with his compliments, was served on all the clergymen, politicians, big business men and military and naval commanders of "Christendom", and has had an unprecedented circulation among the general public in more than forty languages. *The Kingdom the Hope of the World* is but one of fourteen attractive booklets, of 64 pages each, containing select radio lectures delivered by Judge Rutherford.—*Editorial Note*)

Here, There and Everywhere

Augustine Island Disappears

FOLLOWING about a hundred violent earthquake shocks, Augustine island, Alaska, twenty miles long and five miles broad, disappeared. It is thought several trappers disappeared with it.

The National Wealth

THE national wealth in 1928 was estimated at \$360,000,000,000, of which one-fourth was in the hands of two hundred corporations. About two thousand directors control about one-half the corporate wealth.

Taxes per Capita

FOR city government the taxpayer now pays more than ten times as much as he did one hundred years ago; for state government, twenty-nine times as much; and for federal government, nineteen times as much.

Wages Less than Carfare

NINETY-FOUR cents was the munificent pay received by a Buffalo girl from the Bernard Dress Company of that city for 54½ hours of work. Her carfare was not quite covered by her pay-check.

The Sales Tax in Illinois

THE first operation of a 3-percent sales tax in Illinois was to cause some merchants to collect a 1c tax on a 5c purchase. This is six and two-thirds times as much as the law permits or requires.

Bones of 100 Mastodons

BONES of a hundred mastodons have been unearthed in New York state, and some fifteen mammoths; besides, J. P. Morgan, Charles E. Mitchell and some of our greatest mammoths are not even dead yet.

Bone Conduction of Sound

ELECTRIC vibrators, fastened to the forehead or other parts of the cranium, now enable totally deaf persons to receive oral instruction, music or other sounds from the teacher, with whose loud-speaker they are connected by wire.

Telephone Britain to India

BITAIN now has regular telephone service to India. The part of the chain covered by wireless is 4,300 miles; the balance is covered by land lines. The Dutch have had telephonic communication from The Netherlands to Java for several years.

Municipal Ownership Aids Unemployed

THE Los Angeles Municipal Utilities have been able to extend help to the unemployed and to hungry schoolchildren. Since July 1, 1931, the department has transferred from its revenue funds to the city general fund for various charity agencies the total sum of \$455,000.

Public Utilities Have Not Become Cheaper

WHILE the prices of practically all other things used by the average family have dropped considerably during the past three years, public utilities (telephone service, gas and electricity) in New York city have maintained their 1929 level.

The Penalty for Prominence

HOLLYWOOD movie stars, in many cases, find it necessary to employ guards to watch their children and prevent abduction. Threatening letters come frequently, and it is best to be on the safe side. Such dangers tend to offset the advantages of riches.

Beneath the Dead Sea

AN AIRMAN flying over the southern part of the Dead sea reports having seen a city beneath its waters. It is conjectured that this is one of the five cities of the plain overthrown at the time of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Tough on Rogers

A JACKSONVILLE pastor, realizing that he had nothing to give the people, placed a radio on the pulpit and had his audience first listen to Will Rogers. He put on his own show afterward. It seems not to have occurred to him what a dirty trick he was playing on Rogers.

Victim of the Depression

BISHOP WILLIAM T. MANNING, of the Cathedral of St. John, New York city, has had his pay cut. He used to receive \$15,000 a year, but will now receive only \$12,000. It is reported that the bishop accepts the misfortune with resignation.

New Cardinals Pay Funeral Costs

NEWLY appointed cardinals always pay \$500 cash in advance for their funerals. This sum is kept in the Vatican treasury and insures the contributor's moving out of this world in grand style, regardless of where he lands.

All the Conferences Have Failed

ALL the international conferences which have been held since the World War have failed, and there have been several hundred of them.

A committee of ten senators and seventy-five representatives urged President Roosevelt to send "Father" Coughlin of Detroit as a special adviser to the economic conference which began June 12 at London. Now why do you suppose they did it?

Detroit Free Press Gets After Coughlin

"FATHER" COUGHLIN, of Detroit, has had a lot to say over the air about the unwisdom of those who plunged in the stock market and lost thousands, and then the *Detroit Free Press* was mean enough to give the facts and figures to show that Coughlin not only had done that very thing, but had done it with money that was contributed for charitable purposes. The *Press* denounces Coughlin as a hypocrite and demagogue, a financial Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

World of Fast Motion

THE world of fast motion is now wide open to the scientist. Pictures taken at the rate of 6,300 a second give fullest details of just what happens in the flight of birds or insects or the rapid operation of machinery of any kind. Two suitcases hold all the apparatus required.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Agreement

UNDER the new Anglo-Persian oil agreement Persia will get four shillings for each ton of oil extracted, irrespective of world prices, and her annual receipts must never sink below £750,000 per annum. The area allotted to Anglican exploitation has been considerably reduced.

California School Buildings

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is going to try to find out just why it was that so many comparatively new school buildings in the major quake area collapsed while all other modern structures stood. Looks as if they had the wrong architect or building inspector, or both.

Glasgow Students Will Not Bear Arms

STUDENTS of Glasgow University, following the example set by those of the Oxford Union and Manchester University, decided by a vote of 634 to 568 that they will not bear arms. A thousand women students who were present at the meeting were not allowed to vote on the question.

Only Way to Bring Them to Terms

WM. GREEN, president of the American Federation of Labor, says, "We cannot organize the workers in some of the mills in the South because the employers discharge them immediately when they organize, they drive them out, they discriminate against them, they eject them from their homes, and they terrorize them."

A Third of Brain Removed

TWENTY months ago a young woman of Cleveland, right-handed and therefore using only the left side of her brain, had the right hemisphere of her brain removed. It has left her with complete loss of sense of position of the left arm and leg, and the sense of heat and sensitiveness to touch on that side of the body is also impaired, but no change is discernible in personality or intellectual abilities.

British Imprisonment for Debt

IN ONE year 23,844 persons were sent to prison in Britain for the nonpayment of money. There were never fewer than 1,350 such persons in prison during that period, and the cost to the State of their maintenance was £69,000. This amount was apart from prison upkeep, the salaries of officials, and other relevant expenses.

Roosevelt's Inflation Policy

ROOSEVELT favors inflation. In everyday language, that means that you will get less, considerably less, for your dollar, with no very definite assurance that you will have more dollars to make up for the shortage caused by the lower value of the number of dollars you have been getting.

Postal Deficit

THE postal deficit has averaged a hundred million dollars a year for the past six years. This deficit was paralleled by, and may be charged to, the loss on second-class mail and in some measure to free mail sent out by the government. The low rates on second-class matter are in the nature of a subsidy designed to promote the wide circulation of newspapers and periodicals as media of education.

A Thirty-Hour Week

IT IS confidently expected that the enactment of a thirty-hour work-week law will result in giving employment to 6,000,000 unemployed. This arrangement would result in increased leisure for millions of workers. If wisely employed this leisure time would tend to raise the material and cultural status of the people. Not less work, but better work, more work and better paid work, is the need. There is plenty of work to be done in this world.

Crime Wave in the Riviera

THE big criminals that run the gambling joints at Nice and Monte Carlo are shocked because a night watchman stole a pay roll left in his care, another cleaned 150,000 francs out of the safe, and another swiped the winning ticket of the Spanish lottery. Moreover, worst of all, six professional gamblers employed by one of the casinos got their heads together and by a conspiracy cleaned out their employer to the extent of 10,000,000 francs. It makes a man feel so sad that he feels like saying Ha! Ha!

Setback to German-made Goods

RESENTMENT against the Hitler government has made it hard to sell in America goods bearing the familiar mark, "Made in Germany." As a consequence, buyers are turning to Japan, Czechoslovakia, Holland and England for many of the articles hitherto obtained in Germany.

American Air Service in Argentina

THE American air service in Argentina has become so reliable that the president of Argentina has returned the performance bond, on the proved ability and efficiency of the American company. The travel time between Buenos Aires and the United States has been cut to seven days.

Home, Sweet Home

FIFTY mothers, some carrying tiny babies, came to Washington by bus to campaign for an amendment to the administration's home mortgage refinancing bill, lowering interest rates from 5 to 3 percent. While waiting in the executive office lobby they sang "Home, Sweet Home".

London Loses Some of Its Rum

LONDON lost some of its rum the other day when flames from a lumber yard spread to a dock whereon was stored rum of the value of \$45,000,000. The rum, all but 200 barrels of it, burned, the docks burned, and even the water around the docks was a mass of liquid fire, and burned a little more quickly than it would have done if poured down British necks and into British stomachs. Probably the rum did less harm the way it went than it would have done in the way it was intended to go.

Morgan Mezzanine Clients

WHEN Johns-Manville stock was selling at about 78 in the market, the Morgan family and intimate friends were awarded 340,385 shares at a price of 47½, and a group of what were termed mezzanine floor clients were awarded 57,580 shares at 57½. They had nothing to complain of, as they got the stock at \$20 a share under the market value, but it must have made them feel peculiar when they discovered that six times as much stock as was awarded to them went at a price \$10 less. The dear public is the final paymaster.

They Walk On in Darkness

SEVERAL heads of railroads have been vigorous in their demands that union wages must be lowered. They seek a 25-percent reduction. All the executives will continue to receive their inordinately high salaries; and this is entirely in keeping with the way in which Satan's organization is run.

Homicide in Mississippi

IN 1932 there were 97 white men and women killed in Mississippi; 76 by whites and 10 by colored persons, and 11 whose slayers were unknown. There were 370 colored persons murdered: 292 by other colored persons, 58 by whites, and 20 by unknown slayers. Both races seem to keep to themselves.

Katy Locomotive No. 377

THE Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway locomotive No. 377, operating on a regular passenger run between San Antonio and Kansas City, since 1927 has run a total distance of more than 410,000 miles without undergoing a general overhauling. This is as far as to the moon and three-fourths of the way back.

God's Bible School, Cincinnati

GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL, 1810 Young street, Cincinnati, Ohio, offers tea, coffee, vanilla, sandwich spread, mayonnaise, Thousand Island dressing, French dressing, egg noodles, shell macaroni, salt, seven kinds of brooms, mops, pens and pencils, birthday cards, Easter cards, mottoes and stationery, and is willing to make suits, topcoats, overcoats and extra trousers. Just why the word "God" or "Bible" or "School" should be used in connection with this proposition is something not made clear. Supposedly, it helps sales.

Too Long, Too Long, Too Long

REVEREND DOCTOR CHARLES F. BANNING, pastor of the Richmond Hill Baptist church, Queens, N. Y., is reported in the New York Times as having said: "Too long the church has stood outside the door of the laboratory waiting for a few crumbs of faith. Too long the church has stood in the market-place holding out its hat for a few pennies, without asking how those pennies were gained. Too long we ministers have been 'yes men' to science and business. It is time we declared the whole system is unchristian."

Effect of the Movies

CRITICAL studies of the movies show that when children go the chances are four out of five that they will be entertained with dramas of love, crime, sex or war, and that the things which they see have a profound influence on youthful conduct, leading to delinquency and crime.

Power of the House of Morgan

SOME idea of the power of the house of Morgan may be gleaned from the fact that members of the banking firm are directors of eighty-nine corporations and banks, including railways, public utilities and insurance companies, with total assets of more than twenty billion dollars.

Winter Sports in Germany

AT ONE place in Germany, the Zugspitze, in the Bavarian Alps, one may glide on skis for twenty miles, meantime gradually descending 7,000 feet, or about one foot of drop in every sixteen feet of slide. An electric line carries the people to a comfortable hotel only 1,000 feet from the summit. Thousands of people often visit the summit in one day, 14,000 tickets having been issued in one morning in February.

Uncle Sam's Credit Still Good

WHEN Uncle Sam wanted to borrow \$400,000,000 for ten months at three-fourths of one percent, the big fellows offered him six times as much, and when he wanted to borrow \$500,000,000 for five years at 2-7/8 percent, he was offered six and one-half times as much as he needed. This was despite the fact that the new issues do not contain the clause that they are payable in gold.

Governor Pinchot Is Right

GOVERNOR PINCHOT says that no state can afford to allow employers to pay 15-year-old girls as little as 30 cents wages per week. He urges action on the following measures: (1) establishment of old age pensions; (2) a system of compulsory unemployment insurance; (3) a minimum wage for women and minors; (4) limitation of working hours; (5) a more stringent prohibition of child labor, including ratification of the child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution. The governor seems to realize that the people need protection from conscienceless profiteers.

"It's an Easy Racket"

IN PHILADELPHIA a bogus Catholic priest, Daniel Gavigan, was given three months in the House of Correction, but as he was led away he said to detectives, "It's an easy racket, one of the best ways I know to make a living." Wait till they get to leading the rest of them away, and then you will hear something. The racket is just as easy for the ones not yet caught as it is for the one that was jailed. They all lived together.

Ten Italian Children Slain by Serums

AT LEAST ten Italian children were slain on or about May 1 by having antitoxin injected into their veins. The Therapic Institute, at Naples, where the antitoxin was administered, has been closed, and a general suspension of vaccinations has been ordered throughout Italy. Meantime New York's hard-pressed taxpayers continue to advertise these serums, and the blood streams of their children continue open to these invasions.

On the Morgan Favor List

ON THE favor list of the Morgan company, entitled to receive new issues of stock at less than their market value, were John J. Raskob, Newton D. Baker and William G. McAdoo, of the democratic party chiefs, and Calvin Coolidge, Charles Francis Adams, Charles D. Hilles, Norman H. Davis, C. N. Bliss and Joseph R. Nutt, of the republican party chiefs. The house of Morgan also had the present secretary of the treasury, William H. Woodin, on the list.

Boycotting the Chicago Fair

THE American Federation of Teachers has received resolutions from scores of teacher organizations in every part of the country stating that they will boycott the Chicago World's Fair because Chicago's teachers have not been paid their wages. It is claimed that the teachers have not been given an even break with other public employees in the matter of partial payment of back salaries. The Chicago teachers have over \$30,000,000 due them. They have staged demonstrations and parades in order to get their pay and have been successful in frightening the authorities into getting together some money for partial payment. San Francisco teachers voted unanimously that they would not attend the fair unless or until Chicago teachers are paid in full.

The Church Is Sick

"THE church today is like a sick patient; it needs to undergo an operation," declared Rev. Frederick H. Bone, of the Delavan Avenue Baptist church, Buffalo. "The church has a fever," he further stated, "and its voice throughout the world has dropped to a whisper." Someone should break the news to the pastor that the church is afflicted with leprosy, and that nothing can cure "Organized Christianity".

Motor Train for Union Pacific

IMRESSED by the loss of passenger travel to buses and airplanes, the Union Pacific Railroad is having built a train of three cars, hinged together, with one truck between each two cars, which it is hoped to drive by motor at a speed of 110 miles an hour. The train will be constructed of stainless steel or aluminum alloys and weigh all told no more than one Pullman sleeping car. The train will be streamlined, and at first will run only by daylight.

Well Said

PRESIDENT ANGELL, of Yale, speaking on behalf of Fisk University, for Negroes, said, "If history has taught us one thing more conclusively than any other, it is that one cannot permit any segment of a population to be snubbed, ill-treated and deprived of opportunity, without having the bill come back home to be paid a thousandfold, at the hands of the group which indulges in that kind of ungenerous treatment."

There are 21,000 Negro college graduates in America today.

Smith and O'Brien Look Well in Pants

ALFRED E. SMITH, one-time candidate for president on the Roman Catholic ticket, and John O'Brien, mayor of New York city, are shown in a picture with Cardinal Hayes and a person described as the Most Reverend Cicognani, papal delegate to Washington. Smith and O'Brien both look well in pants. We are not certain how they would look without them. Hayes and Cicognani were dressed in skirts. They do not look well, even though they have bonnets and all to match. We do not know how they would look in pants, and, honestly, we would rather not have to look to see. Seems as if the pope should overhaul his dressmaking department and encourage these cardinals and delegates to adopt the dress of other male adults.

Talcum Powder on Hams Not a Success

AN ITALIAN shipped 111 barrels of hams into France, all nicely packed in talcum; he labeled them as talcum. The French customs authorities thought 111 barrels of talcum to one man was a good many, so they opened one of the barrels for luck and found the hams. And so the Italian lost both his hams and his talcum. Talcum is all right to sprinkle on little folks in hot weather, but on big hams, and by the barrel, mercy, no!

Another "Religious Test" Case

TO THE Jew non-kosher meat is very irreligious. Imagine the embarrassment of Ben Branfman, secretary of the biggest kosher provision manufacturers in New York, when two Department of Health employees, three Department of Agriculture operatives and two orthodox rabbis found him supervising the receipt of non-kosher briskets of beef. We do not know how Ben explained the presence of the excommunicated briskets. Perhaps he didn't.

Mrs. Buck Ought to Know

FOR many years a missionary in China, Mrs. Pearl S. Buck lost her job as such, but not till after she had said: "I can never have done with my apologies to the Chinese people that in the name of a gentle Christ we have sent such people to them. We have sent ignorant people; we have sent mediocre people, we have sent arrogant people, we have sent superstitious people who have taught superstitious creeds and theories and have made the lives of hungry-hearted people wretched and more sad."

Immune to the Real Thing

IN AN address at James Memorial Chapel, Reverend Doctor John Baillie, of Union Theological Seminary, said:

"We have inoculated our society with a minute dose of Christianity and thus rendered ourselves immune to the real thing. Christianity has not had a fair chance in 2,000 years. That which has been on trial all these years is not Christianity at all. The experiment of living in the Christian way has not been made, and until it is we just don't know anything about it. The criticisms of Christianity no doubt are true enough of that which has been passing for Christianity. Perhaps the world no longer persecutes Christians because there are no longer any Christians. Ask the man who dares to say that the Christian way has become easy if he has ever tried it."

Cold Comfort for Evolutionists

THE evolutionists comfort one another coldly. Thus Dean Inge says: "Our jaws are getting narrower. We are becoming balder. Possibly our sight and hearing are not so good as those of the savage. Certainly our sense of smell is less and we are losing our claws and fur." And he might have added that besides all these sorrows we have evolutionist clergymen who have discredited and defamed the helpless chimpanzees.

Church Property Seized in Spain

THE Cortes of Spain have formally approved of the seizure by the government of all Catholic church property in Spain, estimated as worth at least \$500,000,000. This includes all churches, episcopal palaces, rectories, seminaries, and all their ornaments, pictures and other such objects in them. The people paid for these in the first place and are now repossessing themselves of them. On April 23 women voted in Spain for the first time.

The Taste for Ice Cream

THE taste for ice cream fades somewhat before the findings of Consumers Research, Inc., that besides pure cream, fruit flavor, milk and sugar, the ingredients are also not infrequently dried egg white, dried skim milk, gelatine, artificial color and artificial flavor, all whipped or puffed with air to expand the "ice cream" to double the original volume. Returns of old creams are worked into the chocolates. *Bacillus coli* are plentiful in even the most expensive creams.

Harvey Not Appreciated

"REV." W. B. HARVEY, chairman of the United Forces for Prohibition in Knoxville, was attacked on the floor of the Tennessee state senate because he was reported as having stated that the beer bill could not have passed by the majority it did "without the senate being bought". Said Harvey, "It must have been money that bought them out." Senator John Brown, from Shelby, remarked, "I don't know the Rev. W. B. Harvey—and I thank God for that. I am not very hot on preachers of any kind." Another senator said, "I want to say that if this gentleman will lay down the legal sword and take up the sword of the Spirit, he'll do much more good for humanity in his field of activity."

Radio Waves from Milky Way

SCIENTISTS of Bell Telephone Laboratories report mysterious radio waves coming to them from the middle of the milky way, but do not know what these wild waves are saying. Remembering something of the way telephone rates went up and stayed up when everything else was coming down, we can't help but wonder if the wild waves were telling them to raise the rates again and they didn't just have the nerve yet to try to put the deal across.

No "Religious" Test

A LAW has been passed in Colorado making it unlawful to apply a religious test to applicants for the position of school-teacher. In some quarters there had been discrimination against Catholic applicants. New York has a similar law. It seems the discrimination against Catholics is based upon the position that they owe allegiance to a foreign potentate, the pope, who is not only a religious or ecclesiastical supervisor, but also a temporal sovereign, ruler of Vatican State.

The Depression in Pittsburgh

THE twelve largest banks in Pittsburgh paid more than 22 percent dividends for 1932. In the same year, in the same city, unemployment relief was limited to 90 cents per individual per week. Men who were unemployed for some months were so weak from undernourishment that they could work only a few hours when they got the chance. In the same year Andrew Mellon's Aluminum Company of America gave its preferred stockholders \$4,417,875 in dividend checks.

Uses of a Chaplain

IN AN article in the *Army and Navy Journal* Colonel Julian E. Yates, chief of chaplains, says in part:

"The chaplain is an indispensable factor in the military service from every standpoint. Strategists like to appraise him in terms of military advantage. Some commanders go so far as to say of him, 'We count our chaplain as good as a hundred men in a fight, because the men fight so much better when he's with them.'"

We have also heard it said that a soldier fights better when he is partly drunk, but are not sure if that proves anything. Anyway, it seems that the chaplains are rated high as gore-spillers.

Gog Busy in Australia

AN ITEM from an Australian paper dated May 21 "provides that no person shall distribute any printed or typed or written matter whatsoever unless authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Police". This holds good in the Sydney domain. The people are still allowed to breathe without getting a permit from the commissioner, but how much longer that will be permitted before the clergy or other interested persons undertake its suspension is a matter of guesswork.

World Bankruptcy in Sight

THE world has just as much available raw material as before, its crops are larger than ever, it has millions of willing but unemployed workers, it lacks nothing whatever to make mankind comfortable, happy and prosperous. But Secretary Hull says that the world as a whole will gravitate toward bankruptcy unless something can be done. He is right. The most prosperous business is bound to be wrecked when run by obstinate, blind and inveterate fools.

New York Edison Company

WHEN the Retail Dry Goods Association of New York sought better rates from the New York Edison Company, it came out in the hearings that the administrative employees' salaries are 40 percent higher this year than last, but the rank and file of employees have had to take what amounted to an 8½ percent cut in pay. This general system of raising the big fellows and cutting the little ones seems to run all through present American business methods. How does that system appeal to you?

Facts in Hitler's Career

ADOLPH HITLER was born and lived in a small Austrian village, Branau, whence came several of the world's prominent spirit mediums, among them Willy and Rudy Schneider. Erik Jan Hanussen, one of Europe's best known clairvoyants, years ago predicted the rise of Hitler to power. Hanussen's real name was Steinschneider; he is said to have been of Jewish extraction. His bullet-riddled body was found in the woods early in April. In the pockets of Ivar Kreuger were receipts signed by Hitler himself, showing that Kreuger furnished some of the funds used by him in his rise to power.

How Mill Owners Fight Unions

THE secretary for the Central Labor Union at High Point, N. C., was recently kidnaped, taken six miles into the country, beaten with a rubber hose, bound and forced to swallow a quart of castor oil, by agents of the textile mill owners. The "castor oil treatment" is popular with the Mussolini régime, and makes the victim deathly sick. The Union official recognized one of the terrorists and also noted the license number of one of the kidnapers' automobiles, and so informed the authorities. The authorities, however, were afraid to take action.

Liverpool's New Cathedral

LIVERPOOL is a great city in which there are many homeless, and many more housed in dwellings that are unfit for human habitation. It is about to have one of the most magnificent Roman Catholic cathedrals ever erected. The *Liverpool Post and Mercury* tells of the preparations for laying the corner stone. First a bishop blesses salt and water, then mixes them and sprinkles the place where the altar will stand, while the choir sings one Latin song and one Latin psalm. Then the bishop prays and blesses the first stone. Then there are a number of invocations and two more prayers. Then the stone is sprinkled with "holy water". Then a cross is scratched on each of its six sides. Then the bishop prays. Then the litanies are sung. Then the bishop prays. Then the corner stone is carried to the place where it is to be lowered. Then another Latin psalm is sung. Then the bishop puts his hand on the stone and says that he is about to set it. Then the stone is lowered. Then it is sprinkled with "holy water". Then the bishop blesses the foundations. Then he sprinkles "holy water" around the entire site, but he halts twice on the way to say special prayers. Meantime the choir sings two more Latin psalms. Then the bishop prays. Then another Latin song is sung. Then the bishop prays twice more and finally imparts his blessing. We don't know just what is included under the numerous invocations and the unstated number of litanies, but somehow, in spite of the two songs, four psalms, four blessings, four sprinklings, six crosses and nine prayers, we don't feel quite easy about this thing. Will the new cathedral, which will be built with money wrung from the poor, be a haven for the homeless and moneyless? Looks as if the bishop himself did not feel quite sure. else why so many prayers?

Loss of Revenue Causes Terrible Immorality (?)

THE Brooklyn Tablet expresses grave concern over conditions in Mexico. It seems that the Catholic youth, and in fact the people in general, being temporarily deprived of the "religious worship" of the Catholic church, are turning to all kinds of nameless vices. Evidently the "religious instruction" these youths received from the priests before the latter persecuted themselves out of the country was not of the lasting kind. When the cat is away, the mice will play. Or it may be that the "religious instructors" of the Mexican people have suddenly become exceedingly sensitive to "immoralities" which before were passed over with indulgence. No doubt the American public will know how to take the propaganda which the Catholic church succeeds in getting into the papers, and which is made particularly amusing in its own publications.

Vatican Trying to Sell Gambling Stock

THE most disgraceful gambling joint on earth is that at Monte Carlo, in which the Vatican owns a controlling interest. Business for some time has been bad. American suckers have been few and parsimonious. Not long ago a night watchman stole a pay roll left in his care, another cleaned 150,000 francs out of the safe, and another swiped the winning ticket of the Spanish lottery. All this was hard enough on a poor old man like Ambrose, but the climax came when six professional gamblers that he depended on for his profits got their heads together and cleaned out the head of their establishment to the extent of 10,000,000 francs. This was half of last year's profits. Scores of the losers at Monte Carlo suicide on the grounds every year. At last accounts the Vatican was trying to unload its gambling stock on a British duke and a British newspaper magnate. All this is very distressing, coming so soon, you know, after the old man had tapped open the 'Holy Door' with the 'Holy Gold Hammer', and after Judge Rutherford had challenged him to select his best man to debate the question that Ambrose represents on earth his highness the great big sure-enough Devil himself. Meantime the "Holy Year" is getting under way in good shape. Mussolini has served notice that he prefers that the ambassador from the United States to Italy shall not be a Roman Catholic. Motion-picture records are being made of all the principal events of the "Holy Year".

No Way to Look but Up

IN AN appealing cartoon the Nashville Tennessean compares the spirit of 1928 with that of 1933. The 1928 man is insanely rushing after the mirage of the \$ sign ahead of him, not seeing the chasm into which he is about to plunge. In he goes, into a great pit labeled "The Depression". Stunned and bruised, he gropes along the wall of his circular prison, finding no way of escape. Finally he does the only thing left to do. He looks up, no longer aspiring to see the almighty dollar, but to see the hand of the Almighty Father, which alone can lift him out. The title of the cartoon is "When We're at the Bottom There's No Way to Look but Up".

School-Teachers Attend Mass

WHY a special mass for public school teachers as such should be considered necessary by the Roman church is not altogether clear, but it seems to justify the opposition many Americans show to the idea of having Catholics teach in the public schools. There was an attendance of 1500 of these teachers at the ninth annual mass held for their special benefit in the St. Augustine church, Brooklyn. These teachers are reported as interested in "the religious instruction of public school children". The pope, as is well known, is hostile to public schools. Then why a special mass for Catholic public school teachers?

Events of Spanish Interest

SPAIN is much in the public eye. By a vote in the Cortes of 278 to 50 no teaching may be done by the 80,000 monks and nuns, after this year. The \$500,000,000 of churches and church treasures was nationalized. The pope excommunicated everybody, and everybody was glad he did. The Socialist ambassador to Germany was recalled by request, and when a German ship came into Barcelona harbor flying the Nazi swastika emblem, the Spaniards refused to unload it. Alfonso wired his son not to marry the girl of his choice, and told him if he did he could never be king of Spain, but his mother also wired him and told him to go right ahead, for the king business is up anyway, and the son obeyed his mother. Alfonso insists on proving to all Spaniards that the people of the country made no mistake when they chased him over the Pyrenees. The Roman Catholic church hopes to put him back on the throne; and that shows that they haven't any more sense than he has.

A Clever Arrangement

IT HAPPENED in Sofia, Bulgaria. A school inspector was going his rounds. He was much impressed by one class of scholars. When teacher asked a question they all held up their hands, without exception, and the one called upon to answer invariably answered correctly. The teacher received the inspector's commendation with a blush, explaining that the children who knew the answers held up the right hand; those who did not know, the left. Only children who raised the right hand were called upon for answers.

"Distress of Nations with Perplexity"

THE *Sunday School Times*, which, as much as any paper we know of, has resisted and does resist the establishment of God's kingdom as the one hope of the world, has recently published a series of articles admitting that we are now living in the times of which Jesus spoke in which He said there would be "distress of nations with perplexity". The *Times* suggests that the word "perplexity" seems to signify "without trade", and the word does have that significance, but an examination of the word seems to indicate that it also conveys the thought that there is "no way out"; in other words, Armageddon is sure to come, and all hopes of deliverance by any other route are vain. This is in accord with the statement of the prophet, "The shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape."—Jeremiah 25:35.

Insurance Company Salary Increases

DURING the three years of the depression, within which three years the great life insurance companies have had much assistance from the federal and the various state governments, the salary of the president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society was increased by \$25,000 a year, the salary of the president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was increased \$25,000 a year, the salary of the president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company was increased \$25,000 a year, and the salary of the president of the New York Life Insurance Company was increased \$25,000 a year. But you will be interested to know that the wages of the clerks and the little fellows generally were cut about 15 percent. The great minds that have got America where she now is must be taken care of, no matter what happens to the common people.

The System by Which Erie Is Robbed

THE system by which the people of the city of Erie, Pennsylvania, are robbed is that the Erie Lighting Company is owned by the Pennsylvania Electric Company, which is a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Electric Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the Associated Electric Company, which is a subsidiary of the Associated Gas and Electric Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the Associated Gas and Electric Company. By the time the Erie householder has paid all the rake-offs, his electricity costs him about 70 percent more than is regularly paid by the householder in the near-by town of Ashtabula.

Machine Guns for the Hungry

IT IS best for the 15,000,000 in the United States that are out of work not to get hungry, or at least not to get too impatient if they do get hungry. Troops have been shifted so as to be instantly available in case of trouble in any of the great centers of population, or mining or industrial areas. The way the shift became known was when the storekeepers in the old army centers found their trade was gone and complained to their congressmen. The new method of distribution of troops is called the "Black" plan. Radicals have been weeded out of the army and if trouble starts anywhere there will be numerous funerals.

Nazi Revolution in Germany

CONCERNING the Nazi revolution in Germany, Frederick T. Birchall, in a wireless dispatch to the *New York Times* said:

"The biggest thing in the recent German happenings has not been the political overturn so skillfully brought about in the election of last March, but the political and social revolution that has been accomplished since. Within six short weeks the entire face of Germany has been wiped clean as with a sponge and new features have been written thereon; the whole social, economic, educational and governmental system has been swept away and a new and untried system administered by new and inexperienced directors has been substituted. Nothing in previous revolutionary history has been quite like it. It has been accomplished with untold hardship and suffering, to which thousands of decent, patriotic citizens bereft of place and employment, thousands of political opponents now penned in barbed-wire concentration camps and condemned to hard labor as a penalty for their opposition, and fewer thousands self-exiled to escape the terrors of the new régime can testify."

Samuel Rothstein Runs Away Again

SAMUEL ROTHSTEIN, 104 years of age, has run away again. This is the third time that he has collected his things and sneaked out of the Home of Old Israel. Once he was out when the thermometer showed 88 degrees. He went in swimming with some younger boys and had to be pulled out. This last time he was out five hours. He stepped into a synagogue, and the rabbi wormed it out of him that he was a run-away; and that is how they got him. Samuel is a good boy usually. The only thing about him is that he will run away.

You Cannot Blame the Boys

THIS year there are just twice as many boy criminals in New York city as last year. "Juvenile delinquency is increasing," said District Attorney Thomas C. T. Crain. "Youth is the most persistent violator of law. The need for the development in the young of moral fiber was never more urgent than now." All this talk about moral fiber is so much ballyhoo. Children and grown-ups act upon what they believe. Having wrong, misleading and superstitious ideas presented to them by word and example, it is

not surprising that they follow the course they do.

The Radio Announcer and the Chief Justice

A RATHER comical incident happened in Washington on March 4. Chief Justice Hughes, with hand upraised and ready to administer the oath of office to Mr. Roosevelt, had to wait until the radio announcer Edwin C. Hill had announced to all the world what the chief justice was doing, or rather what he was about to do. It is the first time a chief justice of the Supreme Court and an incoming president, a dictator at that, have had to wait until a radio announcer had finished with his spiel. But so is the world in which we live today. Argentina, Australia and Europe reported clear reception.

National Wealth of the United States

THE National Industrial Conference Board estimated that the national wealth of the United States in 1920 was \$488,700,000,000; in 1929 it was \$362,000,000,000, and in 1932 it was \$247,000,000,000. These estimates do not consider stocks and bonds, but are estimates of the value of the physical assets upon which the stocks and bonds are based.

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League of Nations — Anglo-Papal Conquest of the U. S.

IN MODERN conquest bankers are more powerful than bullets. Propaganda is many more times effective than machine guns. It is not our business to keep the United States out of the League of Nations, but it is our business to expose the crooked bunch that is trying to inveigle this country into it. There is more to this issue than even the legislators at Washington have seemed to appreciate. The League of Nations is the Devil's counterfeit for God's kingdom. Thus this is more than a question of mere 'entanglements by foreign alliances'. It is one in which each legislator comes into responsibility before his Maker. Hence we here set ourselves to prove, as briefly as possible, the following facts:

(1) The British government, i.e., the international bankers, are back of the League of Nations.

(2) The Federal Council of Churches is in league with the British government.

(3) The Roman Catholic hierarchy is supporting the Federal Council of Churches.

(4) The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System are in league with the Federal Council of Churches and the Catholic hierarchy.

The Idea of a League of Nations

In 1511, again in 1538, and again in the seventeenth century there were what were called "Holy Leagues" of nations. The British government was not in any of those leagues. In the

Mr. John A. Kennedy, writing in the *New York American* of March 8, 1934, says of this propaganda scheme (and we doubt if even he begins to see the magnitude of the stakes for which Britain and the Roman hierarchy are playing):

The most comprehensive propaganda machine ever set up in America is now engaged in an effort to force the United States into the League of Nations and its World Court, a survey discloses.

Backed by funds of approximately \$15,000,000, it is reaching out in an effort to control public opinion through schools, libraries, colleges, churches and civic and professional organizations on the subject of American participation in international affairs.

Already it is having its effect in Washington where a flood of petitions, seeking ratification of the League Court, are being received by the Senate.

Internationalists in that body are seeking immediate action on the Court at this session of Congress.

past two hundred years it has had extensive experience in India in governing twenty or more native states representing a conglomeration of peoples, religions and interests that is equaled in complexity only by the League of Nations which meets at Geneva.

Early in the war Britain conceived the idea of getting all nations into the conflict and having a league of nations at its close which would be dominated by Great Britain. The idea of a league of nations did not originate in the United States, though it was often mentioned here. Whittier had a poem about it, and he had been dead for twenty-seven years.

In the year 1918, before the war was ended, the National Committee of the Churches on the Moral Aims of the War prepared a brochure entitled "League of Nations Outlined for Discussion". This work was copyrighted by The World Conference for International Friendship Through the Churches, 70 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. It stated, among other things, that

"the time has arrived when the free nations must undertake the orderly development of the world, its economic betterment and education for self-government." "The co-operation of the Allies has been the world's most successful experiment in brotherhood." "In England the powerful British Labor Party, the Anglican and free churches, business and other organizations, have declared in favor of the program." "In England Premier Lloyd George, former Premier Asquith, Viscount Bryce, Viscount Grey, Arthur J. Balfour, the archbishop of Canterbury, and hundreds

of other prominent men and women in all walks of life, are ardent advocates of a league of nations."

"Great Britain Is the League"

What happened after the World War is well known. President Wilson was the spokesman for the League of Nations, put forward by himself, General Jan Smuts and others, but it was Great Britain's hand that shaped the covenant and the Treaty of Versailles.

Under the terms, five of the belligerents among the Allies, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, and the United States, were in the first class of belligerent powers, i.e., the class with general interests. Germany was forced to sign the treaty June 28, 1919. Great Britain ratified in 33 days, but it took Italy 101 days, France 107 days, and Japan 124 days to ratify. The United States has not yet ratified, but desperate efforts are being made to cause it to do so.

The reason why Great Britain was so prompt to ratify the Treaty of Versailles and the Covenant of the League of Nations is that the League is Britain's own child, the agency through which it hopes to govern the entire world throughout the future as it has governed India in the past.

In the London *Daily Express*, April 30, 1931, appears in bold-face type a truth which to the editor of the *Daily Express* required no argument. It merely said, "Great Britain is the League. We are its one great strength."

In May, 1926, Judge Rutherford himself told the British government that very thing to its face. Speaking to an audience that packed out the huge Royal Albert Hall, London, he said:

No one will attempt to deny that the British world power is the earthly agency that was responsible for the formation of the League of Nations compact. *The British Empire is the very bulwark thereof. Let Britain withdraw and there will be no League of Nations.* But who is primarily responsible for the League of Nations compact? Is it formed and does it exist by divine right and authority? I answer, No. The Devil is its father, the British Empire is its mother, and the other nations which support it are its wet nurses. At this time the advocates of the League of Nations are desperately striving to unite its belligerent members. With fear and trembling they see that unholy offspring of Satan headed for perdition, even as the Lord foretold.—Revelation 17:8.

The day following Judge Rutherford's address the *Daily News* of London, one of the leading newspapers, carried a full report thereof; the regular circulation of that paper at that

time was 800,000 copies per day, and in addition thereto many extra copies were printed and distributed. Thus Britain had notice served upon it at its very seat of government. Shortly thereafter millions of copies of that same address were distributed freely from house to house throughout the United States. The president and other members of the government at Washington were personally served with copies thereof.

Of the 57 member states of the League of Nations, seven are Australia, Canada, Great Britain, India, Irish Free State, New Zealand, and South Africa. The population of Australia is the same as that of Ohio; that of Canada a little more than that of Pennsylvania; New Zealand has less than Connecticut; the Irish Free State has less than Indiana; and there are twice as many whites in the little state of New Jersey as there are in the whole Union of South Africa. Great Britain itself has a population equal to that of New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, and Ohio, which states include about 40 percent of the population of the United States.

It was and is the idea of British statesmen that if and when the United States joins this League of Nations it must come in on the same basis as, let us say, New Zealand. The only difference is to be that the United States shall have a chromo, i.e., be a permanent member of the council.

Federation of Churches Is the Tool

Here we prove point (2), The Federal Council of Churches is in league with the British government. In January 1919 the august body of ecclesiastics composing the council of the church federation issued the following blasphemous proclamation:

"The time has come to organize the world for truth, right, justice and humanity. To this end as Christians we urge the establishment of a League of Free Nations at the coming Peace Conference. Such a league is not merely a peace expedient: *it is rather the political expression of the kingdom of God on earth.* . . . The church can give a spirit of good will, without which no League of Nations can endure."

The tool which the British government has used and is using to coax the United States into the League of Nations is the Federal Council of Churches. We present herewith excerpts from the annual reports of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America:

"We have repeatedly urged all the members of the churches to write strongly worded letters to their senators urging them to take a stand in favor of the ratification of the League Covenant, to urge their friends to write to their senators and for the local world alliance to send a strong resolution to the senators and to Mr. Lodge, the chairman of the foreign relations committee." . . . "A prayer on the League of Nations was prepared and distributed among the preachers of the country. This prayer was read from the pulpits of many churches." . . . "Throughout the whole year we have urged the preachers of the United States to present in sermons and in classes the great idea of the League of Nations. It is estimated that we have reached fully ten million people in our campaign."—From the Report of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ for 1919.

"The Supreme Hope for the Future"

"The League of Nations. The supreme hope for the future is in the League of Nations. This is the one worth-while definite thing that has come out of the war. The call for our nation to enter this league and help make it a really effective instrument for righting wrong and adjusting national difficulties is the greatest moral call that has ever been given to the church in all its history. The peace of the world and the hope for humanity rest upon the proper strengthening and functioning of the League." . . . "There is one clear and incisive call to the Churches of Christ in America at the present time, and that is the call for co-operation on the part of all men and women of good will to the end that our nation may speedily and heartily become a part of this great, international enterprise." . . . "Of the nation as of the individual it is true that the way of love and trust is the way of salvation and that he that would be greatest must be servant of all. We welcome, therefore, the development of a league of nations which shall be in truth an association of free peoples for the achieving of world peace, for mutual disarmament and for constructive service, and we call upon our own nation to join with other nations in moving along this new pathway of hope."—Report for 1920, pages 157, 158, and 313.

Catholic Hierarchy Supports Federation

Point (3) charges, The Roman Catholic hierarchy is supporting the Federal Council of Churches. This is a hard point, but, if you are hard to convince, read the following excerpts:

"Before the Paris Covenant was published this committee had edited and published a series of six lessons on the League of Nations, which were distributed to the churches and about one hundred thousand copies were used. The entire work cost about one hundred thousand dollars, and through the commission on international justice and good will all the lead-

ing Protestant denominations were enlisted, *and through the church peace union and the world alliance the Roman Catholics and Jews were brought in* so that the national committee on the churches and the moral aims of the war may be said to be probably the most representative committee that has ever attempted to speak in America for the total religious life of our people. When the war came to a victorious end, we were at once faced with the necessity of setting to work to help build a new world order in which the repetition of such a disaster to civilization would be made forever impossible."—Report for 1920, page 160.

"The commission on international justice and good will has never had a year when its opportunities and tasks were so great. Immediately following the conference on limitation of armaments came the question of informing the public with regard to its achievements and their significance and of securing public sentiment to bring about the ratification of the treaties. This was carried on by our usual procedure, through communications sent to the local council of churches and to the secular and religious members, a special mass meeting in Washington and a special letter sent to all local churches in the constituency of the Federal Council. This letter was sent out by the church peace union *together with similar communications from the National Catholic Welfare Council and the two national organizations of Jewish rabbis.*"—Report for 1922.

Willing to Accept Any Substitute

The clergy have shown with unanimity that they do not desire God's kingdom, for which Jesus taught us to pray, and that they are willing, nay, eager, to accept any substitute for it. Everybody knows that the various peace conferences in Europe have been a succession of dreary failures. *The Watchtower* (edited by Judge Rutherford), in its issue of July 15, 1923, says on this point:

"When the League of Nations compact was formulated in 1919, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America called upon the people of the earth to support it and hailed it as the savior of mankind, employing the statement: 'It is the political expression of God's kingdom on earth.' The American people repudiated the League of Nations at the polls; but the professional politicians, big business and big preachers are still trying to inveigle the people of this land into the League. A press dispatch from Washington under date of May 31, 1923, says:

'A call to 125,000 congregations in America to rally to the support of President Harding's proposal that the United States enter the Permanent Court of International Justice was issued here today by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. With the Federal Council are affiliated thirty communions with an adult membership of more than 20,000,000 persons.' "

A few years ago there was a campaign put on by 140,000 clergymen of the United States to force the United States into the League of Nations.

We continue with citations from the annual reports of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in further confirmation, showing that in the years since the war the Federal Council has learned nothing and forgotten nothing. Instead of putting its hope in God and in His Word, it is putting it in men in whom nobody any longer has any confidence whatever.

"The prophecies of Micah and Isaiah at last begin to receive fulfilment. Mighty nations are actually scrapping weapons that cost them hundreds of millions. These are epochal days in the history of the kingdom of God." . . . "Disarmament Sunday was widely observed in every part of the land. In response to the same appeal, a petition to President Harding was signed by 22,500 clergymen of all denominations."—Report for 1921.

"As is now well known, an official statement was issued by the Government after the conference was over stating that of the thirteen million letters, telegrams and other requests which came to the government, urging a reduction of armaments in some form, more than twelve million bore on their face evidence of having come from people who were thinking of the problem in religious terms."—Report for 1924.

"Before the war closed the churches with practical unanimity were calling for the formation of a league of nations in which justice, fair dealing and security would be assured to all alike, great and small, powerful and weak. When the concrete plan, however, came to our people, in the treaty of Versailles, and became a decisive political issue, the churches and the Federal Council ceased to urge American membership in the League."—Report for 1928.

"Fifty-three nations, including the United States, have renounced war as an instrument of national policy. They have agreed that the settlement of all disputes 'shall never be sought except by pacific means.' The churches rejoice in this great moral victory. When the proposal for a renunciation of war treaty was first made by Mr. Briand, the members of our churches were quick to respond. From pulpits and pews there was voiced a strong desire that the United States co-operate with other nations in putting away forever the instruments of war. When the pact was finally negotiated 180,000 members and friends of the various communions in the United States signed the memorial prepared and distributed by the commission petitioning the Senate to ratify the treaty."—Report for 1929.

British Connections of Federal Council

"The outstanding event of the year in the movement for world peace was the London Naval Confer-

ence, which convened on January 21st and continued until April 22nd. In this conference the churches of the United States took keen interest. *During the autumn of 1929 the Federal Council conferred with the archbishop of Canterbury and the outstanding leaders of the British free churches* and agreements were reached to observe Sunday January 19th as a special day of prayer. The evangelical churches of France and Japan were also invited to join in observing the day. Christian people in all these lands welcomed that significant gathering of statesmen and followed its proceedings with prayer until it closed. When it appeared that the conference was in danger of adjourning without an agreement having been reached, the administrative committee, on February 28th, expressed its earnest hope 'that the American delegation at the London Naval Conference will find the way to translate into fact the spirit of President Hoover's address on Armistice Day, 1929, in which he said, "We will reduce our naval strength in proportion to any other."' Having said that it only remains for the others to say how low they will go. It cannot be too low for us."—Report for 1930.

"The heads of more than twenty denominations joined with the officials of the Federal Council in recommending to the churches and allied religious organizations the observance of Sunday, November 8th, as a special day of prayer in the interest of world peace and the reduction of armaments. From many pulpits and pews the prayer was offered 'that the governments represented at the disarmament conference may succeed in so scaling down armaments and armament budgets as to enable them to give greater attention to the spiritual, social and humanitarian needs of their respective peoples.'"—Report for 1931.

Federal Council Makes a Good Tool

It is well known that England gets along in India by playing peoples of one race and religion against peoples of another race and religion. For this reason, and because the Anglican church is part and parcel of the British Empire, it more readily occurs to British statesmen to make use of a church organization for political purposes than it would to some American statesmen.

Anyone who will carefully consider the foregoing citations from the Federal Council's annual reports will observe that the only reason why the Federal Council has remained silent some of the time in recent years on the subject of the United States' joining the League of Nations has been of a political nature.

With the change in political leadership March 4, 1933, the hopes of Great Britain and of the Federal Council of Churches that the United

States could be inveigled into the League were revived and strengthened. The new attempt to get the United States in is not made under the name of the Federal Council of Churches, but under the name of the League of Nations Association, Inc. But the names back of the association, Raymond B. Fosdick, president, and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, chairman of the Council, reveal that the persons who are interested in getting the United States into the League of Nations now are the same people who were interested in getting it into the League fifteen years ago. The following is a portion of the account of the new movement to crowd the United States in as it appeared in the *New York Times* of February 15, 1934:

ACTION ON LEAGUE URGED IN PETITION

Nation-wide plea to be made for naming of an official delegate to Geneva. Is backed by 15 groups. 1,000,000 signatures sought for request for statement of terms of membership.

Immediate appointment by the United States of an official representative to the League of Nations is urged in a petition just started which is to be circulated throughout the nation by fifteen organizations interested in world peace.

The petition, which will be presented to President Roosevelt as soon as it contains 1,000,000 signatures, also asks that the government define the specific terms under which the United States might be willing to accept membership in the League.

The League of Nations Association, of which Raymond B. Fosdick is president and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler chairman of the council, started the movement and has sent several thousand copies of the petition to branches of the participating organizations in every State in the Union.

The Appeal Itself

The petition sheets provide for twenty signatures each beneath the following heading:

We, CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Anxious to avoid war and organize peace in which prosperity can thrive,

Believing that the collective system of the world community which includes the Kellogg-Briand Pact (Pact of Paris) to which the United States is a party, and the League of Nations, can best prevent war,

Mindful of the fact that the United States is participating in many activities of the League of Nations,

Aware that without the privilege of membership in the League the United States is placed at a disadvantage, and the moral integrity of the world community is weakened,

Urge that the United States reinforce the League's

contribution to peace by stating the terms under which full membership would be possible; and by appointing in the meantime an official diplomatic representative to the League of Nations to participate in its deliberations.

At the bottom of the signature sheet is the inquiry, clear across the sheet:

"In a world as dark as this, why blow out the only light there is?"

On the outside of the petition sheet or folder, which is more than twice the size it needs to be for the number of names contained, appears the following letter, and it will be observed that those who have written the letter are so deeply impressed with what they regard as their wise saying that they have repeated it:

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.

National Headquarters:

6 East 39th Street, New York, N. Y.

RAYMOND B. FOSDICK
President

CLARK M. EICHELBERGER
Acting Director

S. VAN B. NICHOLS
Treasurer

Friends of the League of Nations:

Our generation has witnessed the attempt to build a new instrument of social control, a new type of collective machinery, based on the belief that in a world economically and politically interdependent old ideas of isolation must give way to a realistic method of international consultation and teamwork.

In this moment of nationalist reaction we need to be reminded that it takes faith and patience to develop a community of the nations of the world. No new social institution is ever born to its maximum strength or has gone forward without occasional threats of a return to the old order. The cause of the League of Nations today is more vital than at any time since its founding. As President Roosevelt so clearly pointed out in a recent speech, "the old policies, alliances, combinations and balances of power have proved themselves inadequate for the preservation of world peace." We believe that the alternative to such a procedure is the League machinery.

At the present moment there are two currents of public opinion making for closer American relationship with the League of Nations. Since it is a definite policy of our Government to give open cooperation to the League, many citizens wish that this relationship could be regularized and increased by the appointment of an official diplomatic representative.

Also, there is increasing discussion as to the terms on which the United States might become a full member of the League. This discussion has been given impetus by the movement throughout the world for a revision of the Covenant. If such revision were to be

undertaken in the light of the fifteen years' history and with the idea of preserving rather than destroying the democracy of the League, the United States might well participate.

The League of Nations Association hopes to demonstrate the strength of these viewpoints in the United States. After you have added your signature to this petition and secured those of your friends, will you return it promptly?

(Signed) RAYMOND B. FOSDICK,
President

IN A WORLD AS DARK AS THIS, WHY BLOW OUT THE ONLY
LIGHT THERE IS?

The Community of Interest

The community of interest between the Federal Council of Churches, the Anglican church (the religious wing of the British government), and the Roman hierarchy is sufficiently established from the reports of the Federal Council herein published, especially those portions which we have printed in italics.

Not only has the pope worked with the Federal Council of Churches to get the United States into the League of Nations, but last fall, when Italy threatened to leave the League, the Vatican newspaper departed from its customary secretiveness, evasiveness and unreliability and openly took a stand on behalf of the League. Most of the nations in the League are nominally Roman Catholic, and the pope figures that any method of bringing the United States under their joint pressure must necessarily work out to the Hierarchy's advantage.

The Fourth Point

The fourth point, that the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System are in league with the Federation of Churches and the Catholic hierarchy, is supported by evidence that, by the time this is in print, will have been presented to Congress, and thereafter we can publish it without violating any proprieties. At this point we confine ourselves to the fact that is known to all men, i.e.,

that these chain companies broadcast programs of these religious systems without money and without price, are willing to give them more time on the same basis, and will allow only such "religious" material to be broadcast as they approve. This evidence, in detail, will be made available to Congress. At the moment, this is not the place for it in any detail.

The way matters now stand, to put it bluntly, the international bankers, the backers of the broadcasting systems, the same ones who ruined the United States financially, now decide what "religious" matter may be fed to the American mind, and as blind but dutiful and obedient servants of the Devil, "the prince of this world," they are looking forward to the time when they can control the whole world. The British government and the Roman hierarchy, financed by these same international bankers, are happy in the anticipation of sharing in the benefits when the United States has been swallowed up in the League of Nations, the Devil's substitute for the kingdom of God on earth.

The Big Business and Big Church crowd that are advertising the League of Nations as "the only light there is" manifestly should know and certainly have no excuse for not knowing that Jesus referred to himself and to the kingdom of God, for which He taught His followers to pray, and of which He is the Head and Representative, when He said, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12) The League of Nations is in no sense of the word the light of the world, but most emphatically a part of the darkness of this world and under the rule of the prince of darkness, rather than the prince of light and life.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."—2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

Geographic Theater

A GEOGRAPHIC theater has been organized for the purpose of presenting programs combining motion pictures, lantern slides and native music depicting scenery, customs and peoples of many lands, as well as the findings of scientific researchers working with camera,

microscope and telescope, whether under sea, on the earth, or in the air. For the present the programs of the new corporation are being presented in the hotel Waldorf-Astoria. The venture seems to be a commendable one.

Shall Discrimination, Censorship, and Interference of Radio Continue, or a Square Deal?

(Speech of Hon. Louis T. McFadden, of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives, Thursday, March 1, 1934.
From the *Congressional Record*)

MR. MCFADDEN. Mr. Chairman, I want to call the attention of the House to a bill I introduced on March 9, 1933, House Resolution 19, which is pending before the Rules Committee, proposing that the House authorize the appointment of a select committee of seven men to examine into the present radio situation.

I have repeatedly asked the Chairman of the Rules Committee for a hearing on the bill but I have had no response. The country is thoroughly aroused upon this subject, and wants full action at once.

Likewise, on the 14th of February of this year I introduced a resolution following some remarks which I made on the floor of this House on January 31 last in regard to discrimination, censorship, and interference of radio. Radio broadcasting calls for a "new deal"—"a fair new deal." This bill is a fair bill; it deals squarely with the question of politics, religion, and education by radio. The gentleman from Texas, Mr. RAYBURN, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, following the message of the President, has introduced a bill proposing to establish a new bureau called the "Bureau of Communications." This bill proposes to take from the Interstate Commerce Commission supervision of the radio and put it under the jurisdiction of the new Commission, which will supervise telegraph, telephone, and radio.

At the other end of the Capitol Senator DILL has introduced a bill, S. 2910, quite similar.

I now call attention to the present censorship, directly and indirectly, in radio broadcasting. The two bills that have been introduced at the instance of the President to conform to his message do not deal clearly with the question of censorship. If the Rayburn-Dill bills are to become law, the subjects covered in my bill, H.R. 7986, should be included therein. The two major chain broadcasting systems have a self-established censorship policy, which includes politics, education, and religion. In this they are attempting to tell the American people what they shall hear and what they shall not hear. The attention of the membership of the House is directed to the fact that these two bills propose that this new commission, when it is organized, shall make a study of all phases of broadcasting and report

at the next session of Congress. I say this subject must be dealt with fully now to prevent further entrenchment of selfish interests.

In remarks I made on the floor of the House on the 31st of January I called attention to the political censorship of radio. During the present year very important elections are to take place; the full membership of the House is to be elected and one third of the Senate. If radio during this summer is to be controlled partisanly, it means something to the membership of this House and the country. Likewise the question of international relations will be discussed all during this year, and if this present censorship referred to is to keep off the air broadcasts that are in opposition to their views it means partisanship a plenty.

One phase of censorship which has been set up by the chain broadcasting associations, which control 80 percent, directly and indirectly, of the broadcasting of the United States, is to assume to censor all religious talks that may take place over the radio. The N.B.C. have vested the censorship in the so-called "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" under the guise of its religious contribution to the radio audience, whereas it is used as a smoke screen to prevent other programs of wide public interest to be given because the latter may be considered to be inimical to its own selfish interests. This policy applies not only to religious programs but to political and educational programs as well. And they are permitting James J. Farley, Postmaster General and chairman of the Democratic Committee, to censor political broadcasts, and the Columbia System are co-operating in the political censorship.

I submit that the so-called "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" do not represent all the God-fearing people in the United States, nor does the Democratic Party possess all the God-fearing people. And the American people have certain vested rights as to what they shall hear over the radio. It is a well-known fact that the so-called "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" are working in cooperation with many other organizations in pacifistic movements in the United States, going so far as to voice their co-operation in matters pending before Congress,

such as their opposition to the recent Vinson naval bill; likewise, their opposition will be voiced against the Army appropriation bill; and at the present time, they are cooperating in the program to have this country join the League of Nations and adherence to the World Court. In fact, this censorship is being used to involve the United States in international affairs.

I hope in answer to a request made of the chairman of the radio committee of the House (which is the Merchant Marine, Fisheries, and Radio Committee) that they are going to give some consideration and a hearing on my bill.

I want the membership of the House to understand that my bill is necessary, pending the putting into operation fully of the President's plan as represented by the Rayburn-Dill bill establishing a new commission of communications, and I am now requesting the chairmen of all three committees that they give consideration to the subject covered in my bill No. 7986, which is as follows:

A bill to amend the Radio Act of 1927, approved February 23, 1927, as amended (44 Stat. 1162).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Radio Act of 1927, approved February 23, 1927, as amended (44 Stat. 1162), is amended by the addition of two new sections to follow section 28 of said Act (44 Stat. 1172), said new sections to read as follows:

"No person, persons, company, association, or corporation owning and operating a radio broadcasting station, and receiving and broadcasting radio programs for hire, shall discriminate in the use of such station in favor of a program of speech sponsored by any person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office, and/or by any religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society or any other like association or society, and against or to the exclusion of another person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office, or of another religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society chartered or licensed under the laws

of the United States, because and for the reason that such person, religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society holds and promulgates and advocates views contrary to those expressed in programs that have been broadcast. The owner, lessee, or operator of any broadcasting station contracting for or accepting and broadcasting radio programs for one legally qualified candidate for a public office, and for one class of religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association or society, and refusing to contract for or to accept and broadcast for hire radio programs of speech offered for broadcast by another legally qualified candidate for a public office, or by any other religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society within the provisions of this section, because or for the reason that such legally qualified candidate, or such religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society holds or promulgates a contrary or different view from that which is expressed by the person or parties broadcasting programs, shall be deemed guilty of an unlawful discrimination. All persons, companies, corporations, or associations owning and operating a radio station who shall be guilty of a misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, and in addition thereto may be required to forfeit the license for operating such broadcasting station.

"No person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation shall by threats, or by coercion, or by misrepresentation, or any other like manner interfere with or prevent, or attempt to interfere with or prevent, the broadcasting of any radio program by any owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station; or interfere with or attempt to interfere with, or to prevent any owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station from entering into a contract with another person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation, to accept, receive, and broadcast programs of speech and music by radio. No person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation shall induce or attempt to induce any person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation to withdraw business or financial support or social intercourse from any radio broadcasting station, or the owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station in the use and operation of such radio station or in the broadcasting of any and all programs offered to be broadcast, or which may be broadcast at any such station. Any person, persons, association, society, or corporation violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or in the case of an individual or the responsible officials of an association or corporation, by imprisonment for a term of not less than sixty days nor more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

(By unanimous consent, Mr. McFADDEN was granted leave to extend his remarks in the RECORD.)

What McFadden's Bill Aims to Correct

The following letter to Judge Rutherford was written by a lover of truth who had KMOX closed to him as a means of hearing the judge's lectures. Boycott, openly published, openly threatened, in the Roman Catholic paper, "The Sunday Watchman," St. Louis, closed the station to this listener and to a million others who desired to hear. McFadden, famous for his bold speech on the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks, believes in an upright, honest deal for everybody.

An Appreciation

ST. LOUIS, Mo. "I have listened to your programs with much joy. For years I have read the Scriptures reluctantly, as I have not been able to get a great deal of meaning out of them. Really I have never been classed as a Bible student, but some of your books, *Creation* being the first one, were bought by my wife. She told me about it, but I did not even look at it until perhaps a year or so later.

"One day, while alone, I picked up the book, opened it, and it opened at one of the sacred pictures. I became interested and have read and reread your books. I also have read and understood more of the Bible, and had pleasure in it, than ever previously in the fifty-two years of my life. I have claimed to be a Baptist all my life, but I have not been to church for over two years. I sang in the choir, and always tried to enter into the spir-

it of the worship. My friends tell me that they would not read books that would cause me to stop going to church.

"Before studying your helpful books I used my radio to get sermons of all creeds, and I thought I was getting a lot of comfort out of them. But now I rarely listen to a discourse; if at all, just for a brief period. I prefer to get my Bible and read it in silence, to try to get the promises understood, rather than to listen to some of the statements made by the 'learned' ones.

"At first, when reading your books, I thought some of your statements were radical; but after further study I deem them true, and, I am sure, classed as radical by those that do not understand. I am reminded of the text, 'Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' I feel that the truth is being unfolded to me and it is freeing me indeed of the vague, superstitious ideas I once held.

"I find that I speak often and freely of Jehovah God and His promises to my relatives and friends; that is more than I ever did for years. I find there is much to be understood, and I study every chance I get to learn more

of Jehovah and His workings for the benefit of man. Ever so often, in speaking to passers-by I am led from the tone of their answers to know they have read some of your works.

"I am reading *Light, Deliverance, Creation, Harp of God, Prophecy, Government, and Life*. Of the two books of *Light* I am just getting started on Volume I. I am getting an insight into Revelation that I never saw before. Of the several books I have bought I have only four books at home, having loaned them out, and they were never returned. I find one can read one of these books time and again and continually find something new and of interest. I get your programs over KMOX and also from Columbia, Mo.; I do not recall the station designation.

"I thought you would be glad to hear from some of your listeners in Missouri. I know you cannot answer all reports coming in, but if you have anything I have not read, mention it; I may be glad to read. Your story of Job I have read only once. I am going to read it several times again to get a better understanding of the picture. I may write you later of some of my impressions, and responses from others with whom I come in contact."

What a Land Is the Great U.S.A.!

(From the *Herald and Examiner*, Chicago, rearranged)

CONSTITUTION defied and evaded,
Laws ignored with a thumb to the nose;
Codes of honor distressingly faded
In an era of bunk and of pose;
Gangsters romping and robbing and shooting,
Judges black as the depths of the sea,
Tales of brokers with penchants for looting—
What a country we've turned out to be!

Markets falling each day to new levels,
As the masters of man wring their hands;
Trade beset by strange furies and devils
Through weird forces no man understands;
Gunmen working their will with derision,
Vice, corruption and graft riding high;
Crooks who laugh off a high court's decision—
What a country to live in, or die!

Indignation a lost public virtue,
Lawlessness looked upon with a wink;
And a shallow belief it won't hurt you
Just to grin at iniquity's sink;
People herding each day in the bread lines,
Children's eyes that have never known bliss;
Morals knocked for a goal in the headlines—
What a jolly old country is this!

Coppers framing up women defenseless,
Lawyers shaking them down for their all.
Paid reformers quite futile and senseless,
Justice pinned with her back to the wall;
Holdups, murders, assaults, executions,
Scandals touching the great ev'ry day;
Graft in private and state institutions—
What a land is the great U. S. A.!

Free Radio Essential to People's Liberties

GENUINE lovers of truth and of freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience are in favor of the exercise of such rights and privileges over the radio. Those who interfere with efforts to preserve such rights and privileges to the people are at once convicted of the charge that they are seeking to steal away the freedom of the people for their own selfish ends.

The employment of coercive measures to prevent the people from hearing what they wish to hear, and efforts to force them to accept only certain views, which happen to please or serve the purpose of a minority, or even a majority, are contrary to the fundamental law of the land; and what is more, it is contrary to the divine law.

The function of proper government, it has been truly said, is not to give the people certain rights, but to secure to them the rights which are naturally and properly theirs. It is therefore the responsibility of those who are the governmental representatives of the people to safeguard the inherent and inalienable rights of the people.

The most fundamental and the most important of human rights is the right to worship God without hindrance. Worship must be voluntary and free. It cannot be coerced or exacted under compulsion. The free exercise of the right to worship God is therefore a fundamental necessity. No one could properly worship God who was not persuaded that his course of action was right. Coercion in the worship and service of God is as repugnant to justice and proper human sentiment as it is contrary to consistency. Efforts to coerce the conscience of the individual have constituted some of the most terrible violations of justice and love that have ever been perpetrated.

Churches Oppose Free Speech

To safeguard the liberties of the people, and particularly freedom of worship, is the preeminent duty of the American Congress. It is for them to take cognizance of any effort to abridge the liberties of the people to hear, consider and discuss what they please. That such efforts are being made continually in various fields is well known, and, outwardly at least, Catholics, Protestants, Jews and others express themselves as deploring interference with the rights of the people. Outwardly and in theory nearly everyone is in favor of free speech. In practice, and

inwardly, however, the church organizations and allied interests seek to interfere with freedom of speech over the air and otherwise, and thus abridge the free worship of others. The use of coercive measures to prevent the people from hearing what they wish to hear, and efforts to permit only such views to come to them as happen to be in line with the aims and objectives of a minority, or even a majority, have been made, notably by the so-called "religious leaders" of the people.

A case that is now well known to the people generally is the efforts made to prevent the broadcasting of Judge Rutherford's lectures, sponsored by Jehovah's witnesses, who seek to broadcast the Scriptural explanation of the times in which we live. Judge Rutherford's lectures are broadcast over hundreds of radio stations and have aroused the determined opposition of the clergy class, particularly the Catholics. They concede that Jehovah's witnesses have the right to broadcast their views, but at the same time seek to prevent it by coercive means.

Criticism of Clergy in Order

Their efforts to throttle the WATCHTOWER programs, which feature Judge Rutherford, are "justified" by them in the charge that he has attacked the clergy and the pope. This, however is untrue. Judge Rutherford voices, not his own, nor any man's opinions, and does not attack individuals. He deals with timely Scriptural truths and shows their unquestionable application to world conditions at this time. His references to the pope, so bitterly resented by the Catholic press, and misrepresented by them, were not in any sense personal. They were not aimed at the head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy as an individual. It was the official pronouncements and actions of the Catholic pope that were being given consideration, in view of a world-wide movement which he sought to inaugurate. Clearly the public actions and statements of the Roman pontiff are proper subjects for discussion and criticism in non-Catholic circles.

It is understood that Catholics themselves are not permitted to question any action of the hierarchy or its head, even the most trivial. It is for them to decide whether they will submit to this unscriptural bondage, but it is manifestly intolerable for them to seek to impose these

same restrictions upon others or to censor reference to the hierarchy and its head in the press or over the radio. If Paul took the liberty to "withstand" Peter, is the Roman pope, who unscripturally claims to be a successor to Peter, to be above criticism? The attempt of the Catholic press to subject non-Catholics to the restrictions current within the confines of the Roman fold is a poor piece of business.

The American people, in fact, all people, should be free to hear the truth on every subject, and they should, especially, be permitted to freely discuss and try by the Scriptures any movement or course of procedure in which their cooperation is solicited, as in the case of the so-called "Holy Year".

Judge Rutherford took occasion to freely discuss and even to criticize the public pronouncements and official actions of the Roman pontiff. It was this one lecture that aroused the already strong animosity of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States to a point where they could no longer keep it under control, and as a result they launched a campaign of misrepresentation and intolerance by which they hoped to effectively silence this frank and bold exponent of the truth.

Judge Rutherford, following in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, sets forth the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, in his discourses. He does not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, including the divine disapproval of clerical sham and oppression, just as Jesus did.

Let Honesty and Truth Prevail

The petition circulated by Jehovah's witnesses and others, calling upon Congress to safeguard the right of the people to hear over the radio whatsoever they wish to hear, received a wide response. It manifested that the people want to have the truth told. The clergy, to shield themselves in their inconsistent position before the people, not only have sought to misrepresent and oppose Judge Rutherford, but have also misrepresented the petition which was signed by nearly two and a half million persons. They have branded it as a fraud, and have thus sought to obscure the real issue.

It was charged by them that the name of a Michigan priest was used to induce the people to sign the petition. The absurdity of the charge was pointed out in the preceding issue of *The*

Golden Age. It was neither desirable nor necessary to use the name of a Catholic priest and lecturer to obtain signers to a petition for free speech. On the contrary, it would be inappropriate, in view of the traditional attitude of Catholicism toward freedom of speech, or indeed any kind of freedom except freedom to support the Catholic hierarchy, right or wrong.

The necessity of calling attention to Catholic interference with free speech was imperative, and was a responsibility not evaded for policy's sake or for any other reason. The Petition and Protest states the simple truth, and Jehovah's witnesses have no desire to represent either themselves or their activities as other than what they are in fact.

In circulating the petition for freedom of the air channels those who engaged in that work were particularly interested in the continuance of Judge Rutherford's lectures, and frankly so represented themselves. It might have been simpler, and it would doubtless have met with an even greater response, to present the petition merely as a demand for freedom of speech over the radio, without mentioning the notorious example of interference with that right, a factor which would inevitably prejudice some Catholics. The fact that Judge Rutherford was mentioned particularly shows that there was no desire whatever to misrepresent the matter.

The Real Issue

Regardless, however, of whether every single signer to the petition realized fully the significance of that document, the question at issue remains: Shall the radio be made the tool of selfish interests, or shall it be the means of frank and open consideration of questions concerning the public interest, convenience and necessity, both materially and spiritually?

The question is, further, whether any person or group shall be allowed by boycott, threats and other coercive measures to browbeat and compel any citizen or radio station to do anything that it would not otherwise consider doing. Petition or no petition, this is the issue, and it is up to Congress to take appropriate action. Bill H.R. 7986, now before the Congress for consideration, meets the needs of the case exactly, and, if passed, will prevent further interference with the free use of the radio or unjust discrimination against some and in favor of other broadcasters.

Social and Educational

Illumination of Schoolrooms

THE United States Public Health Service has made a study of the illumination of schoolrooms, and makes its findings as follows:

The ideal schoolroom is 32 feet long and 23 feet wide, to provide comfortable room for about 30 children. A width of more than 23 feet is not desirable, because the row of seats farthest from the window will not receive proper illumination.

The illumination is of great importance. Long-continued study of natural lighting has shown certain definite fundamental requirements. These are as follows: The windows should extend to as near the ceiling as possible, and the ceiling should never be under 12 feet high. Unilateral lighting is considered to be the best system. This means that the windows should be on only one side of the room, so that the light will come from the left, and these windows should extend as far back towards the rear wall as possible.

Every child should be able to see some sky when seated at his desk. The area of glass in the windows should equal at least 20 percent of the floor space. Shades should be provided for each window, two to each window being preferable, the two shades being placed at the middle of the window, so that one pulls up and the other down. It should always be remembered that the best light enters through the upper third of the window.

To provide the best light and to avoid all glare is the ideal plan. The walls of the room should, therefore, be covered with a flat paint. A light buff or cream is desirable. The ceiling should be flat white. Blackboards should be limited to the front of the room and right side. The rear of the rooms should be free from blackboards, and blackboards should never be placed between windows. As a matter of fact, if enough window space is provided, there will not be space enough between the windows for blackboards.

Makes 50 Any Way You Figure It

By A. M. Eckard (California)

YOU will notice in the following square of figures that all the horizontal lines; all the vertical lines; both diagonals; all adjoining groups of four squares, such as 5, 18, 16, 11, or 6, 17, 20, 7; opposite pairs, such as 5, 16, 12, 17; the four corners; all total 50. There are at least

26 combinations totaling 50 in this square of figures. Figures can be placed in these squares to total any sum desired over 40.

5	18	15	12
16	11	6	17
10	13	20	7
19	8	9	14

(Experimenting with this table shows that every time each digit is increased or reduced by 1 the total is increased or reduced by 4, and hence 2 or any fourth number above 2 can be obtained by reducing or increasing the digits. Reducing the digits by 5 gives totals of 30; below that total some of the digits would have to be shown as minus quantities. We use Mr. Eckard's figures to show how 30 may be obtained:

0	13	10	7
11	6	1	12
5	8	15	2
14	3	4	9

Deducting 12 from each of the digits in Mr. Eckard's table gives us a total of 2 each way, but brings in minus quantities. We show the table thus modified, and the results are apparent:

-7	6	3	0
4	-1	-6	5
-2	1	8	-5
7	-4	-3	2

The number 1 as a total can be obtained by a reduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ from each of the foregoing digits, and therefore if each of the digits is thereafter increased by $\frac{1}{4}$ any number whatever can be obtained from the same table. The total of 1 would be obtained as follows:

$-7\frac{1}{4}$	$5\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$
$3\frac{3}{4}$	$-1\frac{1}{4}$	$-6\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$
$-2\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{4}$	$-5\frac{1}{4}$
$6\frac{3}{4}$	$-4\frac{1}{4}$	$-3\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$

—Ed.)

How George Bernard Shaw Cleared His Brain

H. B. PORTER, of Connecticut, writes: "A story of how George Bernard Shaw gained his health and his marvelous physique, and how he maintains them at seventy-four, is told in a recent issue of a popular magazine.

"Arthur Brisbane said that George Bernard Shaw has 'the clearest brain of any person now living'.

"When a very young man Shaw's father said to him: 'My son, I'm afraid I'm a failure. Take me as your guide. Whatever I've done, don't do.'

"Mr. Shaw noticed that his father ate indiscriminately and consumed large quantities of meat; that he smoked all day, drank alcohol, and took no exercise. He noted that most men had the same habits as his father, that they were failures, were frequently ill and died early. He decided to face about and institute a new program for himself.

"Mr. Shaw ate no meat, shunned alcohol, and gave up tea and coffee. He did not smoke, and he took all the exercise he could. His body 'gained perfect health, and his brain became clearer and more brilliant every day'. Delighted with this success, he determined to eliminate every possible irritant and poison from his food; so he stopped using mustard, pepper, piquant sauces and the other 'appetizers'.

"Being more than six feet tall, and young and active, he grew hungry; so he 'ate his fill of vegetables, fruits, nuts, and coarse breads, and drank milk. On this diet he has become the world's wittiest playwright and most brilliant satirist'.

"Today Mr. Shaw does not appear to be nearly the age that the record shows. He starts his day by chopping wood and by striding vigorously over the countryside with the elasticity and pace of a twenty-year-old. He is also fond of cycling, and knows considerable about boxing."

To which we merely add that Mr. Shaw's clear brain would be still clearer if he gave due honor to the Creator, Jehovah.

Deathbeds Usually Peaceful

By Dr. C. W. Saleeby

(Reprinted from the London Daily News)

DOCTORS of the highest rank, such as the late Sir William Osler, and, more recently, Sir Humphrey Rolleston, have published their experience, which entirely conforms with that of doctors in general. As a rule, deathbeds are peaceful. During a last illness there may have

been much pain and discomfort, distress of body and mind; but, in the vast majority of cases, there is peace at the last. Often the final hours are such as to bring great relief to the patient and even great relief of a kind to those who sorrow for the patient.

There are facts of the central nervous system which are apt to mislead the uninstructed observer and which have been systematically used by priests of all religions in times past in order to magnify their office.

When consciousness and conscious control are suppressed, as in some kinds of sleep, and during anaesthesia, and near death, and in many kinds of illness, the lower levels of the nervous system are apt to act in a reflex way, and the observer sees movements, perhaps violent or slow, but often contorted and distressing to witness, which look like indications of pain, and even agony, of body or mind. Yet nothing is more certain than the fact that, in such instances, the patient feels nothing whatsoever.

The sole distress is in the mind of the onlooker—unless he or she be an anaesthetist, or nurse, or doctor, who knows quite well that these movements are reflex, such as may be seen for a few seconds or more in the body of an animal already decapitated and certainly incapable of suffering pain.

The subject is a large and important one, for many reasons; but my concern here is to assert that the so-called death agony is a myth, and is not an agony at all, but is a delusion engendered in the mind of observers who do not understand what they see. And I will add that, only too often and long, men and women have been wrongly made to fear death and the pains of dying, by priests and others who may themselves be deluded by appearances, and are therefore to be pitied; or may not, and are therefore to be despised.

Seeing the World

POON TUCK MING, twenty-four-year-old Chinaman, is seeing the world, traveling mainly by foot, but using a bicycle to help out. He has covered 22,000 miles in this way since June 28, 1930, and plans to cover several thousand miles more before returning to China. A Chinese organization in England paid his fare from that country to America. He carries a scrapbook with him and collects pictures, signatures and other mementos as he goes.

Finance and Government

Foolishness of the Interest System

FROM some advertising matter put out by a savings bank we cull the following which reveals the innate self-destructiveness of the interest system. And yet it is before this interest system that the so-called "great financiers" are casting themselves prostrate and now, in their agony, crying, "O Baal, hear us!" They have tied up to the wrong god.

A man went to a bank cashier and upon inquiry was told that an interest account would be opened with as small a sum as one dollar, that interest would be compounded at the rate of four percent once a year, for as long a time as the amount deposited should remain, and in case the depositor died it would be paid to his heirs or any person that he might name.

In a short time he came back and deposited one dollar and received a pass book. In a few days he brought the pass book back and told the bank officials that he would leave the pass book with them and five hundred years from the day he made the deposit to pay the sum remaining to his credit to his oldest living descendant. In order to make all this perfectly legal and to prevent possible complications among possible heirs, he was told to figure out the amount that would be due at the expiration of the five hundred years and to date a check five hundred years ahead, fill in the amount to be paid and sign it, which would then be attached to the pass book and his instructions carried out to the letter. After a few days the bank officials were astonished when, glancing at the check which their customer had brought in, which had been made out according to their instructions, to see that it called upon the bank to pay some child, five hundred years hence, the sum of \$611,527,439.85 (six hundred and eleven million, five hundred and twenty-seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents). This vast sum in the comparatively short space of 500 years will accrue from the investment of one single dollar when compounded once a year at 4 percent.

The Golden Calf

By John Buckley

THERE are more people today who worship the golden calf of Mammon than there were when Moses threw down the tablets.

Gold, established as a standard, represents wealth, and we bow before it, and seek it with avidity, crushing every opposition.

The horseshoe, or the bolt that drops from an automobile, we would not stoop to gather, nor would we soil our hands with it; yet it has a greater value to mankind than gold or jewels.

Deprived of iron, the world would turn back for thousands of years. There would be no

steam engines, electric motors, radio, railroads, ocean liners, automobiles, or aeroplanes.

A wagon load of diamonds, for general purposes, would have no more value than a like amount of broken glass; yet nations have gone to war against each other, and thousands of lives have been sacrificed, in the struggle for possession of a single diamond.

A string of pearls with a fabulous value, among starving men, could be bought for a handful of beans.

We bow to fashion, dare not appear different from our fellow men, and a fad becomes more exacting and drastic than the law.

To the people who cater to our needs we give a bare subsistence, while to those who cater to our fads, follies, and weaknesses are given wealth and honor.

When Edward Bellamy wrote *Looking Backward*, it was regarded as ideal, but was impractical. When Dr. Sheldon wrote and advocated doing as Christ would, he was a visionary, and unpractical: it was impossible.

We have turned our Christianity inside out, the false gods rule, and we are eminently practical, taking our lessons from the seamy side.

American Air Transport

GOVERNMENT subsidies to air transport companies have played an important part in building up the present extensive system operating in the United States. The British, while paying a larger subsidy in proportion, are now imitating the plan in operation in the United States, while the Dutch, who are by no means behind in the field of air travel and air transport, have sent experts to study our system of night flying, as have also the Swedes. The United States air lines fly in excess of 150,000 miles daily, almost half of which total is flown at night. During the fiscal year the carriers of air mail were paid a total of nearly \$20,000,000 for this service.

Performance of New Plane

A NEW plane recently perfected carries a full load of 14 passengers in addition to the crew of three, as well as 600 pounds of mail or express. It has a maximum speed of 217 miles an hour, and with 400 gallons of gasoline can travel 1,000 miles. It climbs 10,000 feet in nine minutes with a full load, and in 24 minutes can attain a height of 20,000 feet.

The Federal Octopus

(From a radio address by Sterling E. Edmunds)

OUR general law of universal application and our right of appeal to our ordinary courts are gone; and in their place we find more than four hundred federal administrative agencies that have issued and are issuing hundreds of thousands of laws, which they may change overnight, and which no citizen can find in any published compilation, outside of the bureau that issued them.

This growth of bureaucratic tyranny may be best seen in the rise of the Department of Agriculture. On August 20, 1787, Gouverneur Morris offered a resolution in the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, to incorporate in the Constitution, then being framed, a provision for a federal department of agriculture. It died in committee and was disallowed. Fifty-two years later Congress created an agricultural section in the Patent Office, to gather statistics, with \$1,000 appropriated for two employees. Last year, in 1932, this modest section, become the Department of Agriculture, consumed \$333,500,000 of our taxes and supported an army of 30,000 federal job-holders.

What is happening to us today is what has happened to all other republics of history. In the words of Mr. Justice Story, again:

"They have perished, and perished by their own hands; prosperity has enervated them, corruption has debased them, and a venal populace has consummated their destruction."

Can we turn back?

The answer to that solemn question lies in the extent of virtue and capacity for self-sacrifice which remains in the people themselves.

When we consider the displacement of the three branches of our government by the executive, and the centralization of their powers in his single person, the chances of self-rescue appear remote indeed. For that is a historical stage in the progress toward the overthrow of freedom, following the tyranny of the legislature, which was foreseen and predicted by none other than Thomas Jefferson himself, in warning us to vigilance.

[In other words, the question is, "Can the American Government Endure?" Most of our readers will remember Judge Rutherford's impressive address on this subject and his conclusion drawn from the evidence of fulfilled prophetic scripture, that this government, with all other earthly governments, has been weighed in the balance and found wanting and that

it must give way to the kingdom of Jehovah God's anointed King, Christ Jesus. This address appears in a booklet entitled *The Crisis* (5c) published by The Watch Tower, Brooklyn, N. Y.]

A Glimpse at the Devil's World

RUSSIA. People have something to eat, but not enough. In Moscow there are often three families in a single room. Prices are sky-high.

NORWAY. The housing shortage in Oslo is so bad, and business is so dead, that ships in the harbor of Oslo are being made into flats.

AUSTRIA. Whole towns are starving, with schools closed, streets uncleaned and unlit, not a wheel turning, and the inhabitants literally going en masse on begging expeditions.

FRANCE. The French are eaten alive with taxes, at least sixty a day, in one way or another; it even costs to look out of a window. There is a sales tax on every article of merchandise. Bachelors are taxed, and widows.

SPAIN. There are few schools, no hospitals, and almost no drainage. Thousands of families live in caves, drinking from streams and eating roots. Thousands of other families never have any food except potatoes, eggs, bread and oil.

ENGLAND. The highest number of suicides in its history, 5,147 last year. Widespread unemployment. Too much of everything except work.

AMERICA. The biggest cities virtually bankrupt; practically all the great business leaders proved absolutely dishonest and untrustworthy; a fourth of the people out of work.

ASIA. Japan is attending to that.

VATICAN CITY. The pope is on the job.

Lynchings Greatly Increased

THE spirit of mob violence is on the increase, confirming the prophetic statement that Satan would manifest exceptional wrath toward the end of his rule. During 1933 there were 28 cases of lynching, to compare with ten in the preceding year. Thirteen of the victims were shot and subsequently burned, eight were hanged and two of these burned, three were beaten to death, two were hanged and shot, one was beaten and shot, and one was beaten, shot and strangled, according to the report of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Evidently folks who believe that their god will burn people forever and ever after they have died will be disposed to follow the example, at least as far as they are able.

'Bugs' Baer Sizes It Up

BUGS' BAER, comic writer for the New York *American*, sizes it up in good shape in the following:

"Way we figure this international thing is that we lend nations money to buy our goods. They return the coin for our merchandise. Then, when we go about the business of collecting, they ask why should we pay twice?"

Absurd as that sounds, frequent communications from British possessions indicate that just this principle, or lack of it, has been drilled into millions of people till they honestly think it entirely wrong for other people ever to pay America anything they owe. In their eyes the United States is just one big wallet, stuffed full of money and goods of all kinds, upon which the rest of the world may draw ad libitum, but if Uncle Sam wants anything back he is a Shylock and wants to rob honest people of what is rightfully their own.

The unamusing thing about the whole affair is that Uncle Sam not only lost billions upon billions on his own account in pulling Britain's chestnuts out of the fire, and loaned billions upon billions to Britain, France and other countries, which billions are also for ever lost, but these and other nations are entirely unwilling to repay moneys borrowed *since* the war.

The only thing they are willing to do is to borrow more, but as soon as they have it safely in their possession they begin throwing rocks as usual, doing all they can to convince the world that a miser has them by the throat and is choking the life out of them. Then the only way to keep them quiet is to lend them some more, on the same terms.

'Bugs' has it about right.

Street Begging to Be Discouraged

STREET-BEGGING has assumed the character of a menace to public health. Many of the beggars have communicable diseases, and a large proportion of them suffer from chronic alcoholism. Police in New York city are rounding up the beggars, and one man was found possessed of \$25, which he stated had been collected in two days; another had more than a thousand dollars in cash on his person. Many of them are habitual beggars and have made their living in this way for years. The public is urged to discourage the practice by refusing to give money to beggars.

The N. A. A. C. P.

THE National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has had its 25th anniversary. It has 375 branches, and a membership of about 80,000. A race riot in Springfield, Ill., in 1908 prompted the formation of the association in the following year, the centenary of Lincoln's birth. It was at first concerned mainly with injustices suffered by members of the Negro race, but it now works for the general advancement and improvement of the colored people. Its commendable efforts have met with gratifying results.

Newfoundland Ends Self-Government

THE people of Newfoundland are willing to give up self-government and submit to the virtual dictatorship of a governor appointed by England. Here is another example of "democracy's" proving a failure. The war which was fought to make the world safe for democracy evidently did not succeed in making it fit for that kind of government. There is far less democracy in the world today than before the war.

Cuba Remembers the Poor

IN AN effort to do something for its poor Cuba's president recently issued a decree that the government lands and estates of former Machado officials shall be open to settlement by the poor. Under this decree an individual may receive not to exceed 33 acres of land, together with a yoke of oxen, a cow, a plow and a supply of seed. No taxes would be levied the first two years.

Wisconsin State Prison

CONDITIONS in the Wisconsin state prison are totally different from those on Welfare island. The 1,700 prisoners borrow more than 3,000 books a week. The prison officials wisely and tactfully encourage the prisoners to read really worthwhile books.

Prison Comforts

JUDGE KAVANAGH of Chicago, in a recently published article, stated that prisons were more like clubs than penal institutions, and that the comforts were about equal to those furnished in boarding schools. In one large prison the prisoners had radios in their cells.

Invention and Miscellany

A Bewildering List of New Inventions

By Harold W. Kline

ALTHOUGH the selfishness and commotion of the present time will stifle the possibility of the common people to enjoy many of the recent inventions, I read with interest the following, which show but a few of the blessings man will enjoy shortly, after Armageddon cleans the slate.

Nonpoisonous illuminating and cooking gas; garage doors opened and closed without getting out of one's car; porch and garden lights which attract and electrocute insects; gas-, oil- or coal-operated unit which air-conditions homes in summer and heats, ventilates and humidifies in winter; store scales that print weight; pie pans that bake pies already cut into wedges; garterless hose and clothes that will not lose shape through use of elastic yarn; telephone switch that silences radio when receiver is lifted; restaurant tables with tiered tray in center on which meal rises upon checking of menu and dropping in slot; waterproof paper which is tough, flexible, washable, acid- and boiling-liquid-proof; pillow radio loud-speakers which are not heard by others, for use in hospitals and Pullman berths; paper barrels, lighter, stronger and cheaper than wooden ones; flexible cast-iron; aluminum-covered (also porcelain) shingles; liquid coating to make iron and steel permanently rust-proof; filamentless lamp, using fraction of current ordinary lamp requires; new poison (retenone) fatal to insects, harmless to humans and warm-blooded animals; uniform temperature in railway coaches summer and winter; electric razor which uses no blades, brush or lather; electric refrigerators which accumulate no frost; ice, snow and sleet removed from windshields by infra-red rays producing neither heat nor glare; etc., etc.

When the inventions now reposing in the patent offices of the world are released for the general good of man, verily it will be a new world and doubtless everyone will be glad that "the former things have passed away"—financiers, clergy and politicians who have ridden upon the backs of a long-suffering proletariat.

The Silver Cost of the War

By Charles R. Fletcher (California)

IT IS now conceded that the recent terrible war cost above two hundred and fifty billion dollars!

An American silver dollar weighs one ounce; and is one and one-half inches in diameter; and is one-tenth of an inch thick.

1. Two hundred and fifty billion dollars weigh 15,625,000,000 pounds, or 7,812,500 tons. To transport such tonnage would require 3,906 trains of forty cars each, or a total of 156,240 cars, each carrying fifty tons. Each train would thus be a third of a mile in length; and the total length of the 3,906 trains coupled end to end would be 1,302 miles.

2. Two hundred and fifty billion silver dollars laid edge to edge in a continuous line would extend a distance of 5,918,560 miles, or over 236 times the circumference of the globe. This amount of silver would be sufficient to belt the earth at the equator with a silver girdle over 29 feet wide and of the thickness of a silver dollar.

3. This vast sum, if piled one dollar upon another, would reach over 394,560 miles above the base; which is the distance from the earth to the moon and two-thirds of the distance back to earth again. The moon is about 240,000 miles distant.

4. This vast sum, if drawn into wire weighing thirty pounds per mile, would be sufficient to run six lines from the earth to the sun. The sun is about 92,500,000 miles distant.

5. This vast sum, if rolled into railroad rails weighing ninety pounds per yard, would be ample to construct a standard-gauge silver-rail railroad 49,321 miles, which is a length about twice the distance around the globe at the equator.

6. This vast sum, if built into a column ten feet square, would have its top far above the clouds, indeed far above our atmosphere; it would reach an altitude of 325,520 feet, or nearly sixty-two miles.

7. This vast sum, if divided equally among the entire population of the globe, would allow each man, woman and child about one hundred and seventy dollars.

Two Odd Suggestions

F. W. GREENWOOD has been pioneering in the province of Quebec, one of the coldest localities in America, for the past five years. He sends us the two suggestions which follow, claiming that he has found them both extremely beneficial. They seem odd to us, but may be O.K.

Lie on the ground face downward, with head to the north. Cover the head if sun is shining brightly; exposing the rest of the body to the sun is beneficial. If weather is cool, spread a blanket down and cover oneself well. The reason this is so beneficial is that the earth is full of electricity, which draws the poison out of the system, recharging it with new vitality.

The Arabs, who are noted for their great endurance, when they rest on a long journey, throw themselves upon the ground, flat on their faces. Two or three hours of this repose is worth twice the amount in an ordinary bed.

Asthma sufferers will often find that severe spasms can be alleviated by following this course, when many other remedies fail.

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The cold weather is here for many of us. For those who shrink from the cold, we give a simple way to increase bodily warmth and energy.

At night and in the morning, or only once a day, take one or two teaspoonfuls of dry flaxseed. Put it in the mouth and drink water to wash it down. It can be chewed if preferred.

Instead of flaxseed, linseed meal can be used; this is flaxseed ground with a small quantity of other grain (to absorb the extra amount of oil in the flax).

Put in a teacup one or two teaspoonfuls of this linseed meal, pour on it boiling water, and let stand until sufficiently cool to drink. Drink all of it, or, to commence with, only the liquid off the top; all of it is best. Milk and sugar can be added when taken at night. This is often better than the ordinary midnight lunch for many people. See how well you sleep, and how fit you feel when you wake in the morning.

Flaxseed is a great heat producer, supplying the same to the body in a most easily assimilable form.

The "Treasures of the Snow and Hail"

(Translated from *La Vanguardia*, Barcelona, Nov. 5, 1933)

THE existence of a roof of ice at a height of one hundred kilometers over the north pole is one of the most important discoveries of the French expedition which has spent a whole year in Scoresby Sund, to the east of Greenland, making investigations of a scientific character. Members of the expedition, which returned to France only a few weeks ago, have made important revelations concerning their discoveries to the United Press.

The existence of such a layer of ice had been suspected before, but it appears that the French investigators are the first who have succeeded, not only in proving this phenomenon of nature, but also in establishing its height above the earth. To accomplish this they employed the method of transmission of echoes which ships use in order to measure the greatest depths of the ocean. The ships measure the time that elapses from the report of a cannon till the echo returns to the same ship after having gone down to the bottom of the sea and up again. Knowing the speed of transmission of sound, it is easy to establish by this method the depth of the water. By the same process, the French investigators have made soundings of the atmosphere and have proved that the supposed roof of ice must float at a height of one hundred kilometers above the earth's surface. This roof of ice is composed of tiny particles of water, infinitely smaller than a drop of water, but in the aggregate forming a layer of compact ice.

The French Polar investigators and meteorologists of the expedition believe that this roof of ice plays a very important part in the origin (Spanish says *formación*, i.e., formation = genesis or beginning.—H. G.) of storms in the whole of the Northern Hemisphere. Basing their conclusions on their observations (Spanish says 'notes'), they hope to be able to prove that storms have their origin in the North.

May Teach Their Own Children

MR. AND MRS. A. J. SMART of Vineland, N. J., have been carrying on a two-year fight for the privilege of teaching their children at home, and have at last won out. Among other things, Mr. Smart maintained that the compulsory education law interfered with his rights as a private citizen and insisted on home education for his children who were enrolled in the National League of Mother-Teachers. Inasmuch as vaccination is considered a prerequisite to attendance at public schools, though unlawfully so, the right to teach children through other agencies and means should be granted to parents who realize the danger of vaccination.

Kidnapers' Profits

POLICE records show that during 1933, in cases reported to the authorities, demands by kidnapers totaled a million dollars. The cost of efforts to bring these criminals to justice runs to many more millions.

THE following events, not recorded in the Bible, are said to have occurred during the period from the last of the prophets to the coming of Christ, an interim of about 400 years.

During this period the Jews were influenced by the rule of four different dynasties: (1) The Dominion of Persia, 536-333 B.C.; (2) of Greece, 333-167 B.C.; (3) of the Asmoneans, 167-63 B.C.; (4) of the Idumean Antipater and Herod, 63-1 B.C.

Under the Persians, whose rule began with the capture of Babylon, the Jews enjoyed great liberty. Out of the form of government that Nehemiah set up came a greater, "The Great Synagogue." Their duty was to watch over purity of doctrine, especially as regards the Law. The Jewish theory was that the Law was given in a twofold form, viz., the written and the oral. The first, written by God immutable; the second was orally taught to Moses by God on Mt. Sinai. This oral Law was repeated by Moses to Joshua, by him to the elders, and they to the prophets till it reached Jeremiah; then through Baruch to Ezra, and he to the Great Synagogue, which Nehemiah supplied with a library of all the sacred books he could collect. (II Macc. 2:13) Our Lord refers to "the tradition of the elders" or oral law.

(2) The Dominion of Greece. Alexander the Great came with an army of 35,000 Greeks and conquered all Persia in six years. Alexander was enraged with the Jews for withholding supplies, and only a miracle saved them. This great army was approaching Jerusalem. The high priest offered sacrifice and public prayers for God's help. In the night God appeared to him in a dream and bid him "cause flowers to be scattered up and down the city, set open all the gates and go, clothed in his pontifical robes, his priests in their vestments, and others in white, to meet Alexander and not to fear any evil from that king, inasmuch as he would protect them". This they obeyed, marching to a place in full view of Jerusalem, and waited. Alexander was struck at the sight of the high priest, in whose mitre and forehead a golden plate was fixed on which the name of God was written. Alexander advanced with great respect, bowed his body and adored that august Name, and saluted the priest with veneration. The Jews loudly wished him all prosperity. All the spectators were dumb with surprise, and one of the Greek generals asked the king how it was that he, who was

adored by everyone, should adore the high priest of the Jews. "I do not adore the high priest," replied Alexander, "but the God whose minister he is, for while I (in Macedonia) was planning how to conquer Asia, this very man, dressed in the same robes, appeared to me in a dream, exhorted me to banish every fear, bid me cross the Hellespont boldly, and assured me that God would march at the head of my army, and give me victory over the Persians." So Jerusalem was spared, and the Jews gained a great friend, in place of an enemy!

After Alexander's death Palestine belonged to one of his generals for a little while, then to Ptolemy, king of Egypt. Under the Ptolemies the Jews were peaceful and happy, were allowed to build synagogues in all their settlements, and this spread them, and their religion, in all their countries. Thus the Greek language gradually became the language of the Jews scattered so, "the Jews of the dispersion" (1 Peter 1:1), and became a connecting link between the Jews and heathens. Then these Jews wanted a Greek Bible, which Ptolemy Philadelphus caused to be written for the library at Alexandria, which became known as the Septuagint, so called because written by about 70 Jews (six from each tribe).

The Jews had a high priest, Simon the Just, who repaired the temple, the walls, and made a reservoir, "in compass as the sea."

After a hundred years of prosperity the Jews became subject to the kings of Syria, in the reign of Antiochus the Great, 198 B.C. They divided the land into five provinces: Galilee, Samaria and Judea, west of Jordan, Trachonitis and Pirea on the east. Judea (between Syria and Egypt, who were at war) became corrupt. God punished them—the king of Syria came, plundered the city and temple, and killed many of them, 170 B.C. For 3½ years they had no civil or religious liberty. Then God delivered them through the noble family of the Asmoneans. The pious high priest Mattathias and his five sons gained many victories. On their banner was inscribed, "Who is like unto Thee among the gods, O Jehovah?" From the Hebrew initials of these words M. C. B. I. was derived their family name, Maccabee. The temple was reconsecrated and a feast of dedication of eight days took place annually. (John 10:22) Their prosperity was short. Pompey took Jerusalem and made Judea subject to the Romans, finally conquered by Herod the Great of the Jewish reli-

gion, a favorite of Rome. He enlarged the kingdom, but reduced the power of the high priest. To keep the Jews in subjection he repaired the temple at great expense. In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Herod, while Augustus was emperor of Rome, the Savior of the world was born at Bethlehem.

The intercourse of the Jews with Gentiles in Babylon and elsewhere, and the severe chastise-

ments they had undergone, checked their tendency to idolatry, and confirmed them in their own faith. From choice or necessity they settled in Asia Minor, in Greece, in Africa and in Italy, so that when our Lord appeared there was scarcely a country in the whole Roman Empire in which a Jewish colony might not be found. It was therefore true that Moses had, in every city, those that preached him.—Acts 15:21.

Lord Tavistock and Ruskin *By G. H. Dixon (Oregon)*

I'VE just been reading about Lord Tavistock's humanitarian plan.

Coming, as it does, from a titled multi-millionaire, instead of from a Russian Red or an I.W.W., it ought to carry some weight and influence for good among the intelligentsia.

Many years ago the late John Ruskin, another humanitarian millionaire, by inheritance, suggested this same idea of a national dividend, though differing somewhat in the method of disbursement, possibly.

Ruskin was a deep student of social and political economy, and a vein of it runs through all his works, which deserve much wider reading. His humanitarian educational efforts will be more and more appreciated as the years go by.

I quote a brief paragraph from him on this theme that seems to me quite apropos at this time in the hope that it may stimulate some

much needed thought and study along this line, if we are to avert dire calamity. He says:

"Suppose it should turn out, finally, that a true government set to true work, instead of being a costly engine, was a paying one, that your government, rightly organized, instead of itself subsisting by an income tax, would produce its subjects some subsistence in the shape of an income dividend! . . . A true government set to true work! Not easily imagined, still less obtained, but not beyond human hope or ingenuity."

We have immensely improved our methods and abilities in production; isn't it time we devote more of our time and ingenuity to the improvement of distributive methods? And is not our monetary system one of the great factors, if not the greatest factor or agency, in distribution?

The Quest for World Power

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NO, WE are not speaking of the imperialistic aims of Germany, Japan or any other world power, but of the title of a very interesting book by Hugh and Margaret Vowles. It deals with man's quest for new and cheaper sources of power as he ceaselessly endeavors to harness the forces of nature, sometimes to his own hurt. Many an invention has been put to uses the inventor little dreamt of.

The book *The Quest for World Power* propounds many interesting schemes. One, for example, proposes to obtain immense turbine power by running the sea water from the Mediterranean to the Qattara Depression in the Libyan desert. Into this depression, 7,000 square

miles in extent at sea level, forty million tons of water a day, it is estimated, would flow continuously, to be evaporated by the fierce sun, and thereby produce from water turbines an output of 160,000 horsepower.

Another scheme is for making greater use of the internal heat of the earth. Not only by tapping volcanoes, geysers and hot springs, but water will be pumped down one borehole in the earth, through a reservoir at the base and up another, thus being heated for power purposes. A depth of two miles will give a temperature equal to boiling point at atmospheric pressure.

Other schemes include the evolving of a gas turbine, which would revolutionize the produc-

tion of power from coal and oil, and of a mercury vapor turbine; the development of more efficient heat accumulators; wireless transmission of power; the production of new synthetic materials; the tapping of the energy radiated by the sun by devices in which this is focused on boilers by means of parabolic reflectors or absorbed by special material in long shallow insulated vessels covered with layers of glass with an air space between to prevent re-radiation.

Great stress is laid, too, upon the harnessing of the tides as a source of power. It is computed by Prof. A. H. Gibson that if a barrage were built across the Bay of Fundy, which has a tidal range of 40 feet, energy equivalent to more than 100 million horsepower hours could be developed.

The authors remark, "Though the importance to mankind of power-driven machinery can hardly be overstressed, we must not forget that, after all, the abiding problems of life are not technical, but moral. . . . With the advent of power and its promise of material plenty for all, there has dawned a new hope in the heart of man that at long last he may escape to wider horizons."

Yes, the abiding problems of life are not technical, but moral, and until the disturbing forces of human nature are also brought under control science cannot properly become a handmaid to minister to the needs of man. That is why Japan uses scientific inventions to wantonly destroy thousands of lives in her schemes of self-aggrandizement. That is why time and again the discoveries of science prove a curse instead of a blessing to mankind. Take, for example, the great aniline dye industry. It was a benefaction to the human race, but through misuse it became the basis on which the great explosive industry was built.

No scientist, when actually at work in the laboratory, has the faintest idea of what the ultimate application of his work may be, though he might think so. It is possible that one of the next discoveries will be the release of interatomic forces. That may make possible the propelling of ships across the Atlantic by the release of energy from a piece of matter no bigger than a pea. Now it is clear that mankind is not to be trusted with power of that importance. If mankind had that particular piece of knowledge at its disposal at the present time, it is quite certain that it would use it not only for driving ships across the Atlantic, but also for purposes

of destruction, for war, as it has employed all the resources it has hitherto discovered.

Robert Ingersoll once wrote, "Is there to be no change? Are the laws of 'supply and demand', invention and science . . . always to be the enemies of those who toil?" Judging from the present condition of the world, with millions starving whilst the warehouses are full, and crops destroyed because it does not pay to transport them, one might almost answer, "Things will always be the same." But no—there will be a change, and that change will be in man, because the Lord has arranged for a New World, when the good things of the earth¹ will be used for the blessing of all. Then it will be possible to entrust man with power, because the administration will be righteous, and because then, and only then, will the dark and disturbing forces of human nature be brought under control.

Last Summer's Heat in the Land of Sunshine

SAYS Mrs. John W. Wilson, of California: "It was with much interest that we noticed the news item in the last issue of *The Golden Age* regarding heat in the Imperial Valley of California, where 'the temperature one day in August was 119, the highest ever reported in that spot'. We are wondering just where 'that spot' could have been, as it would have been a comfortable location at times from the excessive heat. I live in El Centro, in Imperial Valley.

"Believing in giving the Devil his dues I wish to add to the above report on temperature. Many times each summer the temperature rises to over 120 degrees in towns, while in rural sections and on the desert proper 124-130 is acceded to be common; however, the *average* daily temperature is around 115 degrees. These readings are seasonal, and are not extraordinary. Some days and nights the humidity comes in for its glory and hovers around 60-70% for a week at a time; then groaning creation in the Valley is 'all wet'.

"To a loyal Californian the weather in California is either perfect or unusual; not having been perfect this summer, it must have been unusual, so it is said that we were blessed with an unusually cool summer—. And this must be as correct as 'three times one is one'; because our summer weather began about July, and as late as October 27 the temperature registered between 90 and 99 degrees during the day."

Home and Health

Common Salt and Poisoned Dogs

By F. C. Vonderahe (Oregon)

A FEW weeks ago I read articles referring to common salt. One of these articles appeared to favor much salt to be used, and the other was against the use of large quantities of common salt. Knowing that there are many dog-lovers, especially children who have a valuable pet dog, and since poisoning dogs in some neighborhoods is often purposely done by some cruel enemy, I will give what I have found common table salt has done in saving better than ninety percent of the poisoned dogs it was given to.

When I was a boy or young man on my father's farm, some years ago, my father's only remedy when one of our dogs got poisoned was to turn the dog on his back, take a pointed stick, pry the dog's jaws apart or open, and make him swallow about a full-sized heaped tablespoonful or medium handful of common (not iodized) table salt, and in a few moments after, the dog would throw up the poisoned food it had eaten, and in a short time recover. I personally know of from twelve to fifteen dogs my father saved in this way, losing only one, which had the poison too long and was entirely too far gone.

Just recently our neighbor's little dog had been poisoned, and at the time we discovered it he went into one convulsion after another. We gave him a large dose of common table salt, and in less than five minutes he vomited up the poisoned food completely. But this was the most stubborn case of poison I have ever seen, or else he had had the poison so long that his body and blood were so saturated with the poison that it was almost too late to save him, because he still had convulsions one after another for a long time after, which they seldom have after the poison has been thrown out. Nevertheless the dog recovered, and is well as ever today. This happened two weeks ago.

Be careful that the dog does not bite you; as they sometimes snap at you when under the effect of the poison. Better wear gloves for protection. And make sure the dog does not eat or swallow the poisoned food again; bury it at once, deep.

Give the Flapjack a Chance

By Beulah J. Heil (New York)

SOME time ago I read in an article in *The Golden Age* that prepared flour contains phosphates. I remembered seeing phosphates

as one of the ingredients of the pancake flour that I used. When I realized what the phosphates might be made of (Cuban cemetery bones), just the thought of such a possibility sickened me of pancakes.

But, being fond of pancakes, I decided to prepare my own pancake flour. Now I have my pancakes once a week, and they are wonderful. We are all so delighted with them that I decided to give my discovery to the *Golden Age* readers who like their pancakes once in a while, without depending on phosphates or prepared pancake flours. We eat enough material unfit to eat, but the idea of possibly eating extracts from the bones of some Cuban grandparents is just too much.

I mixed the following ingredients in this proportion: 1 cup buckwheat flour, 2 cups unbleached flour, 1 teaspoon rye flour, 1 teaspoon corn meal, 1 teaspoon salt, 5 heaping teaspoons baking powder.

I make my own baking powder, according to a recipe which you once had in *The Golden Age*. It is wonderful: 1 part baking soda (bicarbonate of soda), 1 part cornstarch, 2 parts cream of tartar. This baking powder takes from your mind the worry about using aluminum sulphate, which most baking powders contain; also phosphates. Some baking powders contain both.

In making the pancakes I add a little brown sugar, milk or milk and water and beat (not stir) to a medium thin batter; then I add soft, almost melted butter, to suit my pocketbook. I think butter makes them better, but they can be made with little or no butter. No eggs are necessary.

The ultimatum of our family is that these pancakes cannot be beaten. They should be baked quickly on a hot griddle. Maple syrup, or a syrup made of brown sugar, goes best. Honey is fine. We use no corn syrup.

Goes to Jail Fourteen Times

JOHN MARSH, of South Middleton township, Pa., preferred repeated jail sentences to having his children vaccinated. He was a wise father. The crazy idea that children are naturally dangerous associates for other children unless they are injected with the filthy pus euphemistically named "vaccine" is one of the products of the "brain age" which makes us wish that men, and particularly medical men, were less brainy and more sane.

Effect of Pasteurization of Milk

SAYS Lieut. Col. C. Maddock, England: "A very interesting observation by M. Ludd, H. W. Ewarts and L. W. Franks, in New York, on infant feeding was carried out for over six months. The infants were divided into four groups. The first were fed on pasteurized milk alone; the second, on pasteurized milk plus orange juice; the third, on pasteurized milk plus orange juice and cod liver oil; and the fourth, on certified milk, which was the only raw milk obtainable in New York.

"The percentage gain in weights of these different groups showed that those fed on pasteurized milk alone gained 1.7 percent in weight; with pasteurized milk plus orange juice the gain was 7.9 percent; with pasteurized milk plus orange juice and cod liver oil the gain was 9.5 percent; while those fed on raw milk gained 14 percent in weight.

"The effect of pasteurization on the calcium salts in milk has been studied by H. E. Magee and D. Harvey, working in the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen. They demonstrated that the calcium in milk is in two forms, a soluble one, and an insoluble one bound up in caseinogen. After pasteurization the total of the soluble calcium is very much diminished. This loss of soluble calcium, as regards infants and growing children, must be a very important factor in growth and development, not only in the formation of bone and teeth, but also in the calcium content of the blood, the importance of which is now being raised.

"As nature gave raw fresh milk as the only diet for the offspring of all mammals, I still believe that when man steps in and interferes with nature some hardship must ensue, and that it is only a matter of time before research will prove this still more definitely."

Moths and Borax

SAYS Kate Ronde, of Oregon: "This is the time of year when one can board any street car and smell that smell. Sure enough. A glance around will always show some very genteel lady in some rich material that might have passed for goods bought at some recent clearance sale had it not been for that smell—moth balls. And why?

"Why? Why, because it is a thrifty lady who cannot throw away a perfectly fine garment just because she or her mother or her grandmother

had bought it some number of clearance sales, or maybe new, or a goodly time, before present instant. But it is such good material that it would have passed unseen, unnoticed, unsmelled of, but for that smell, moth balls!

"The lady herself smells the smell, too, and looks about sheepishly when other passengers' blundering glances stare around until they discover her. This takes out all the joy of being thrifty enough to save one's purse from having to flatten at every clearance sale, or before. Now, how to be thrifty and not smell like it: Don't use moth balls! Use 'Mule Team Borax'. Get a ten-cent package of it at any grocer's. Over every layer of clothing in the trunk, chest, or even pasteboard carton, sprinkle the well-powdered borax, seeing that it gets well into the corners that might make nice moth nests. In the spring all of this white powder, and the great white spots, will completely brush out from the garment; and borax never did smell, anyway. If the goods be a tightly woven serge very stiff brushing is needed to get out the spots. Occasionally the goods may have to go to the cleaner's; but they invariably come out clean, bright, and smell-less, and moth-hole-less, in the spring, or the fall."

More Whole-Wheat Recipes

MRS. L. W. BEACH, of Missouri, gives us the following recipes:

WHOLE-WHEAT PIE CRUST No. 1

1 cup flour; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup peanut butter. Mix thoroughly and add sufficient cold water to make crust of ordinary consistency.

Roll out and cover pie tin. Prick all over bottom and edge, to keep from blistering. Bake in moderate oven about 15 or 20 minutes. Fill when cold.

WHOLE-WHEAT PIE CRUST No. 2

1 cup flour; $\frac{1}{3}$ cup butter or olive oil. Mix, add cold water. Proceed as with crust No. 1.

WHOLE-WHEAT DATE BREAD

1 cup dates, dissolved in 1 quart warm water. Pour through colander and drain water off seeds and fiber.

$\frac{1}{2}$ ounce compressed yeast dissolved in date water; 1 heaping teaspoon salt; 5 tablespoons olive oil or butter; 3 quarts flour.

Knead into dough. Mold in pans at once; allow to raise 1 hour in warm place. Steam 1 hour. If loaves are large, steam $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Earth's New Overlordship

THE FOURTH chapter of Daniel's prophecy opens with a proclamation of "Peace!" which appears to be made by the king of Babylon. It was published after Nebuchadnezzar had gone through his humiliating experience of the "seven times", as stated in the prophecy, and after he had been fully restored to his right mind and was again upon his throne. That proclamation foretold and foreshadowed another and far more important proclamation to be made and issued by earth's rightful King, Christ Jesus, now!

Nebuchadnezzar was not a type of Christ Jesus, he not being devoted to Jehovah God, whereas Christ Jesus was fully so; but he was an illustration of regal or royal power in the abstract, that is, regal power considered apart from any application to a particular person exclusively. He is a symbol of power to rule.

At the time of his proclamation Nebuchadnezzar relates the dream he had had eight years previously, hence after its first fulfilment upon himself. "I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream." (Daniel 4: 5, 6) The earthly rulers under Satan, whose regal power is at this point pictured by Nebuchadnezzar, now consult spirit mediums in their efforts to determine what course they should take; but as the magicians failed to give the answer to Nebuchadnezzar, even so the fallen angels cannot now give good advice to earthly rulers.

"Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof." (Verse 7) The magicians, astrologers, enchanters and soothsayers here picture the pope, the cardinals, the clergy, the philosophers and other professed "wise men" of the world who attempt to give counsel and advice to earthly political rulers, but they cannot unravel Jehovah's purpose, even after He sets the same down in His Word. They shun the Word of God and follow the lead of foolish men and wicked angels. They are unrighteous, and for that reason cannot understand. (Proverbs 3: 32) Therefore the "wiseacres" of the world now throw up their hands and give up the job in despair.

All the heathen "wise men" having failed to interpret the dream, King Nebuchadnezzar sent for Daniel. (Verse 8) The fact that he had to send for Daniel to interpret the dream shows that he was obliged to apply indirectly to Jehovah, the God of Daniel, for enlightenment. He could not get it from his own servants, but could receive enlightenment only from the servant of Jehovah God. The name Daniel means "God's Judge". Daniel at this point foreshadows Christ Jesus, the great Judge, whom Jehovah has appointed as such and to whom He has 'committed all judgment, and given him power to execute judgment'. (John 5: 22, 27) The sending for Daniel corresponds to the time of sending forth Christ Jesus by Jehovah to begin His reign amidst His enemies, and therefore relates to the year 1914. The worldly "wise men" of Satan's religious, commercial and political organization had completely failed at that time to solve the mystery concerning the human race. God's use of Daniel in giving the interpretation shows that Jehovah through His chief representative, Christ Jesus, will make known His purpose to the remnant of His faithful servants now on earth.

Nebuchadnezzar then tells the dream: "I saw, and, behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth." (Daniel 4: 10, 11) The tree towering above the earth pictures in the abstract, or impersonally, the overlordship of the earth together with the organization of the earth beneath it. It therefore pictured a living creation of Jehovah. When God created man and the other animals of the earth He assigned the overlordship of the earth's creation to the holy cherub Lucifer. (Ezekiel 28: 13-15) The position of overlord of man was a very exalted place, and is pictured by the great tree towering high above the earth. This overlordship and its organization beneath is shown to apply originally to Lucifer and thereafter to Satan, in the prophecy of Ezekiel, chapter 31, the fallen Lucifer, Satan, being there addressed as "Pharaoh king of Egypt". "Lo, a sheshbazzar cedar in Lebanon."—Ezekiel 31: 3, *Rotherham version*.

When Lucifer was appointed by Jehovah to the exalted position of man's overlord he at first exercised that office over only Adam and Eve, so far as the human family was concerned. He

then saw the possibility of extending his regal power over many peoples that should spring from Adam and Eve by reason of God's commandment given to them to "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it". (Genesis 1:28) Greed for selfish gain or "the love of money" moved Lucifer to commercialize mankind. That was the beginning or the root of all evil. (1 Timothy 6:10) Regal power or overlordship, together with the organization under it, there began to expand; and so it is written: "The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth." (Daniel 4:11) That does not mean that Satan was visible, but his power or overlordship was discernible throughout the earth. The overlord supervised all the earth and must be looked up to and recognized by all the earth.

The base or root stock of the tree was in the earth, and thus pictured man, and shows that it is the man whom God created, saying: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." (Genesis 1:26) The dominion of man was and is limited to the earth, but above man was the invisible organization, headed or topped by Lucifer, who afterwards became Satan. Thus "the leaves [of the tree] were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it". (Daniel 4:12) Even after iniquity was found in Lucifer and he became Satan, all the earth has since been compelled to feed from that "tree". "The whole world lies under the evil one." (1 John 5:19, *Diaglott*) The creation of earth has been under the shadow of that wicked organization.

Lucifer, when appointed to overlordship, was a part of Jehovah's organization, and hence formed a part of the "higher powers". (Romans 13:1) Lucifer was made God's watcher over the interests of the things of the earth, but became unfaithful and no longer was a watcher. There was another watcher over and above Lucifer, and this is the one whom Nebuchadnezzar saw in vision: "I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven." This means that the Logos, Jesus, the beloved One

and faithful "holy One" of Jehovah, turned His attention to the things which pertain to and affect the earth, and particularly man.

The Decree

"He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches." (Daniel 4:14) That decree means that the RIGHT to the overlordship was then and there taken away from Lucifer, now Satan, and that he (Satan) and his spirit subordinates were cut off from Jehovah's organization and were henceforth outlaws and that no earthly creature was required to remain under Satan's organization, for the reason that he was no longer any part of the "higher powers" and no more furnishes protection and nourishment and help for mankind. All those who would have the blessings of life must give their allegiance and devotion to Jehovah God and His holy Watcher. This divine decree did not mean that at the time of Adam's sin and of Lucifer's fall God's judgment was to be executed immediately and Satan and his invisible organization were cast out of heaven and down to the earth; but that decree declares God's purpose concerning the same. That decree began to be executed in 1914, when Christ Jesus was sent forth to rule and to cast Satan and his wicked angels out of heaven; it will be completely executed at Armageddon.—Ezekiel 31:10-18.

Satan has exercised overlordship in his wicked organization, which includes the human race, even to the present time; but he has exercised that regal power without divine authority and has rebelled against Jehovah God. Jehovah's purpose was announced in the decree, but He has permitted Satan to go on in his wicked efforts to prove his side of the challenge flung into God's face. In other words, Satan has operated by the sufferance or permission of Jehovah. Man has been left to exercise his own free will to serve either God or Satan, and almost all of human creation have yielded to Satan and followed him.

The Stump

Never could it be possible for man to have sustenance and life from that old "tree in the midst of the earth", because such tree had become wicked and must now be cut down, its leaves shaken off, and its fruit scattered. How-

ever, the decree declares: "Nevertheless, leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth." (Daniel 4:15) The "stump of his roots in the earth" represented or pictured original man, at first made a part of the organization over which Lucifer was given overlordship. The leaving of the stump signified Jehovah's purpose to provide an organization or a new tree by and through which obedient mankind might have life everlasting, namely, the kingdom of God with Christ Jesus as the Savior and enthroned King and Overlord of earth's creation.

The "band of iron and brass" around the stump shows that a long period of time would elapse before the opportunity for the restoration of obedient man under God's organization would come. In that time period man would be under the restraining rule of wicked spirit creatures, pictured by the copper, or "brass", and also under earthly rule of imperfect men, pictured by the iron. But while mankind is alienated from God, out in the world ("field") with no proper habitation, yet God would not permit the race to perish and become entirely hopeless, but it should be kept wet with the dew from heaven, that is, the refreshing promises which could be laid hold upon by those who love God and righteousness. (Deuteronomy 32:2) The whole race would be restrained and bound in a cruel rule, and those who would have faith in God would receive benefit and hope, pictured by "dew". The stump of the original tree, representing man, and the roots of it in the earth have waxed old, and yet there have been some men in the earth, pictured by the roots, that have scented God's truth and reached out for it and have clung to Jehovah and His precious promises, and these have promise and hope of being brought into the new tree.

Since man's expulsion from Eden his portion has been "with the beasts in the grass of the earth". Rulers under Satan have been bestial, brutish, inhuman, cruel and oppressive, and the human race has been subjected to such cruel rule. These earthly rulers, being a part of Satan's organization, are likened to ferocious beasts. (Daniel 7:3-17) This is in harmony with the divine decree: "Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him."

(Daniel 4:16) The "seven times" must be symbolic of and hence equal to the "times of the Gentiles", to wit, 2,520 years. (Luke 21:24; Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28) The whole period of time is ascertained by multiplying the days of a lunar year, 360, by 7 (times), equaling 2,520; and as the Scriptures fix a "day" as a symbol of a year (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34), the period of "seven times" equals 2,520 years. The beginning of the counting of the seven times must wait until the overturning of Israel's last king, in the year 606 B.C. From that time the scripture (Ezekiel 21:27) applies which says: "It shall be no more, until he come whose right it is" to have the kingdom and rulership of the world. There it was that Satan became 'the god of the whole world' (2 Corinthians 4:4) and the "seven times" began to count; meaning that God would not interfere with the beastly rule of earth until the end of that specific period of time. That period of seven times, beginning in 606 B.C. and extending over a period of 2,520 years, ended in 1914, when Christ was enthroned by Jehovah and was sent forth to rule amongst His enemies.—Psalm 110:1-5.

The Kingdom of Men

The decree continues: "This matter is by the decree of the watchers [Jehovah and His Logos], and the demand [the judicial decision, *Strong*] by the word of the holy ones [Jehovah and Christ Jesus, the Logos]; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."—Daniel 4:17.

The words "the kingdom of men" do not refer to the petty kingdoms of Satan's wicked world, but to the kingdom or invisible lordship set up over man. Jehovah has no responsibility for the national governments of the present wicked world, and certainly not as to who gets into office or is put out of office by the votes of men. Those who are wholly devoted to Jehovah, therefore, can have no part in the selection of such rulers. The fact that Satan has been permitted by Jehovah to continue to exercise overlordship of man is no contradiction of this. The fact that Jehovah directed Jesus to remain inactive and wait until 1914 to begin His work of interference with the enemy proves that Jehovah is "the Most High [who] ruleth in the kingdom of men", and that He is therefore supreme. In His own due time He delegates His power of rulership to whom-

soever He pleases, and He makes known now that He has given it to Christ Jesus and that He will associate with Christ Jesus in that organization 144,000 others, the true and faithful footstep followers of Christ Jesus, who maintain their integrity to the end. (Daniel 7:13-27) As Jesus said to His followers: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32) These words are not only strong, but conclusive, proof that the giving of the kingdom over mankind is exclusively within the power of Jehovah the Most High.

Jesus, although the beloved Son of Jehovah, had to suffer humiliation in order to prove Jehovah's side of the question at issue and in order to demonstrate His own qualification to become the Vindicator of Jehovah's name. (Hebrews 5:8,9) He was meek and lowly. (Matthew 11:29) "He was despised, and we esteemed him not." (Isaiah 53:3) He made himself of no reputation and humbled himself even unto an ignominious death, and was therefore brought low. (Philippians 2:7,8) Therefore in harmony with the prophetic dream it is seen that it pleased Jehovah to 'set up over it [the kingdom or rulership of men] the basest [the low One] amongst men'. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11) Jehovah thus fixes the qualifications of the One to whom He gives the Kingdom. The 144,000 associated with Christ Jesus in the Kingdom must possess similar qualifications, and hence these are the low ones of earth whom the Lord uses for His purposes: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; that no flesh should glory in his presence."—1 Corinthians 1:26-29.

Nebuchadnezzar as Satan's representative boasted and fell. Self-exaltation led to his fall and complete abasement. (Psalm 138:6) Ex-

altation comes from Jehovah and is given only to those who are entirely obedient to Him. (Isaiah 57:15) In harmony with this divine rule Ezekiel was caused to write: "I [Jehovah] have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, . . . Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high." (Ezekiel 17:24; 21:26) The overlordship of earth is changed, but this change of overlordship does not take place until the end of the seven times, which occurred in 1914, at which time Jehovah placed His Son upon His holy hill of Zion and sent Him forth to rule.—Psalm 2:6; 110:1,2.

Fulfilment

The prophet Daniel faithfully and fearlessly declared the interpretation of the prophetic dream. (Daniel 4:19-27) About twelve months later it began having fulfilment upon Nebuchadnezzar, but in a miniature or small-scale way only. He went stark mad, imagining himself a beast, and was driven out into the fields, where he mingled with the brute beasts for seven years. The major fulfilment takes place on Satan and his organization, reaching a climax with the reign of Christ and the fall of the enemy organization. (Verses 28-33) In the case of Nebuchadnezzar the "seven times" passing over him were literal; but in the major fulfilment they are symbolic. At the end of these seven symbolic times, to wit, in 1914, the Gentile ruling powers, and particularly that part of it called "Christendom", were certainly a beastly-looking lot, like Nebuchadnezzar at the end of his "seven times" amongst the beasts of the field; and they went forth and made war upon each other like wild beasts, even as the prophecy foretells. Since then these earthly representatives of Satan have been warned concerning God's purpose; but they refuse to give heed to that divine counsel and all of them "walk on in darkness".—Psalm 82:5.

The New Tree

At the end of the 'seven years' of humiliation Nebuchadnezzar appears in a different role. His reason having returned, he now pictures regal power as exercised by Christ Jesus. "And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High; and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation." (Daniel 4:34) The time limit having

been reached, the tree stump must be released from the band of copper and iron. So, down here, the time had come for the inauguration of earth's rightful King as ruler, and as such He is pictured by one (Nebuchadnezzar) acknowledging and extolling the name of Jehovah and declaring Him to be the Supreme One, besides whom there is none. The restoration of Nebuchadnezzar to the throne was a vindication of Jehovah's word as announced by His servant Daniel. Likewise at the close of the Gentile times the enthronement of Christ Jesus was a vindication of God's word as spoken by His holy prophets.

Christ Jesus is the righteous and rightful overlord of earth. His is the capital organization of Jehovah and is therefore the new cedar tree, to which the people must look for hope. "Thus saith the Lord God, I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent [namely, the top of Jehovah's organization]: in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish; I the Lord have spoken, and have done it."—Ezekiel 17:22-24.

The bands of copper and iron being removed from the old stump of the original tree, no more shall the human race be ruled by wicked spirit and cruel human creatures. The new cedar tree, the righteous overlordship and government with Christ as Head, King and Savior, is made available for all of the human race who will be obedient to God. The One who was lowly and despised of men and of wicked angels is now exalted to the highest place, and thus Jehovah creates a new tree; and enthroning His Son as

King and Overlord of man He has thus set up Him who was "the basest of men" in the eyes of others of creation. This new tree is far more excellent than the original tree.

The people of good will now on earth, and otherwise designated as the Jonadab class (2 Kings 10:15-23), are pictured in the tender roots in the old stump which, as Job 14:7-9 states, "through the scent of water" reach out after God and lay hold upon the precious truths of His Word and render themselves in obedience to His righteous organization under Christ; and, doing so, they shall live. Into this new tree are first brought the faithful body members of Christ (his 144,000 faithful followers) who are blessed with the privilege of being made a part of the tree or organization that shall administer blessings to the obedient ones of mankind. Under that organization, and as servants thereto, comes the "great multitude" class. (Revelation 7:9-14) The faithful prophets of old were pictured by the tender roots left in the old stump, and because of their faithfulness they will form a part of the new tree; and into that organization shall also be gathered all those of good will who will give themselves wholly to Jehovah God and His righteous government. The new tree is truly a tree of hope. That tree bears the name that Jehovah gives; it is *Jehovah's* organization.

In fitting conclusion the king, representing regal power as exercised by Christ Jesus since 1914, says: "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase." (Vs. 37) Now Jehovah's witnesses as heirs of the Kingdom with Jesus do also "praise and extol and honour the King of heaven" and delight to bear His truths to the people. His truth and judgments are now being made known in the earth and must continue to be made known until all shall know that Jehovah is the Most High over all the earth and that all those like Satan, who continue to walk on in pride, Jehovah is able to, and will, completely abase and destroy.

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Horton, Mich. "I am writing to tell you of the thrilling pleasure I received from hearing Judge Rutherford this morning over WIBM, Jackson. It was the first time I ever had that privilege. We got our radio only yesterday morning and could scarcely wait until time for him to speak. It has been something over a year since I first heard of the Watch Tower and began reading Mr. Rutherford's books. Along with the books was sent a booklet tell-

ing about your organization and also about the *Watchtower* and *Golden Age* magazines, for which I want to thank you very much. I am now a subscriber for both and would gladly give up all the other papers and magazines we have rather than part with these. I have been more or less of a shut-in the last two or three years, but perhaps for that reason I appreciate all the more the glorious truths about Jehovah God. A curious coincidence happened, or so it seemed to me. About a half hour after the lecture one of Jehovah's witnesses called at the door. I do not know of any about here, but I assure you I am in sincere sympathy with your great work and if at any time in any way I can be of assistance I will be glad to help. May Jehovah bless you."

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FOR several years past it has been my privilege to tell the people God's message of truth as it is set forth in the Bible and to use the radio for that purpose. The truth is not popular, and hence provokes much opposition. Nineteen centuries ago God sent Jesus to earth to deliver His message of truth. Jesus faithfully performed His commission and was crucified for telling the truth. The truth will never be popular until there is a complete change of world control. I beg you to carefully follow my speech now, that you may more fully appreciate why there is such great opposition to the truth and what is the only safe and proper course for the people to take. The people of good will must now hear, because this message is for their special aid and comfort in this day of great world distress. It is not the message of any man, but the message from God's Word delivered according to His will.

First I give the Scriptural definition of "world", and then show you who controls the world and why a change of world control must shortly come to pass. "World" means the peoples of the earth organized into forms of government under the supervision of an invisible power or overlord. In the Bible the word "heaven" is used to represent the invisible part of that rule, while "earth", as there used, means the visible power that rules; and it is "heaven" and "earth" together which constitute the world. The people

of good will are those who have an honest and sincere desire to see justice and righteousness control everything, and hence that the will of God may be done on earth and in heaven.

God, "whose name alone is Jehovah," is the Supreme Being and the source of righteousness and life. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the chief executive officer of Jehovah, the Redeemer of man, and the world's rightful ruler. Satan the Devil is the wicked one, the opposer of God, and man's greatest enemy. For centuries Satan has been the invisible overlord or controller of the world. There must be a change from Satan's rule to that by Jesus Christ. That change is impending and will take place within this generation. Now I give you the proof showing how the Devil became the ruler of the world.

Jehovah God created the earth and put perfect man upon it, and made the spirit creature Lucifer the invisible overlord of the earth. Associated with Lucifer were

many spirit creatures or angels forming a part of his immediate organization. Lucifer rebelled against Jehovah God, in which rebellion his host of angels joined, and man was led into lawlessness and sentenced to death. Since the entire human race sprang from that one man after he had sinned and was sentenced to death, all mankind have been born imperfect. (Romans 5:12) God changed the name of Lucifer to that of Devil, Satan, Serpent and Dragon, and since

The address on WORLD CONTROL, which begins on this page, was given at the Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, March 25, 1934. It was delivered directly to a cheering audience of 12,000 liberty-loving Americans that unanimously adopted the Resolution.

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As we go to press, word comes from South Africa and from Australia that the speech was heard distinctly in those far-off lands; thus it may truly be said that this address, of world-wide import, echoed in every corner of the entire world.

March 15, 1934, Judge Rutherford, through his attorney, appeared before the Congress of the United States, with the statement found on pages 425-429 of this issue. It is his demand for non-interference in the work of Jehovah's witnesses. It is made in the name of Jehovah, the true and living God. It should be heeded, without question, without hesitation.

then Satan and his host of wicked angels have controlled the world.

Satan defied Jehovah God to put on earth men that would be faithful and true to God. That challenge God accepted. Although sentenced to death Satan and his wicked angels have been permitted to continue for a definite period of time unhindered in the prosecution of their wicked work, God abiding His own due time to take action against them. As the human race increased on the earth, other angels which had been wholly devoted to God materialized in human form and were induced by Satan and his wicked angels to mingle with humankind and marry the daughters of men, and from that union there came forth an unusual offspring. There followed a period of great wickedness in the earth, and God announced His purpose to destroy the "world that then was" by a flood. That time in the Scriptures is called "Noah's day", because Noah was a righteous man and remained true to God.

Jehovah God then told Noah to build an ark in which he would find refuge for himself and the immediate members of his household. Noah did as commanded, and then there came upon the world the deluge or great flood which destroyed all flesh. That destruction of all flesh was a type foreshadowing the destruction of the present wicked world. The saving of a few persons who found refuge in the ark pictured or foreshadowed the millions of people of good will who will be carried through the battle of the great day of God Almighty soon to be fought. A knowledge of the truth of and concerning these things is now of most vital importance to all persons of good will; hence that message is now declared as a notice and warning to all such people.

In the flood God destroyed all flesh, but He did not destroy the Devil and the other wicked spirits, but permitted them to continue to exercise power and influence over humankind until God's due time to take action. Why did not God then destroy the Devil? Jehovah's answer to that question is found in the Bible, at Exodus 9:16, in these words: "But for this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they [my witnesses] may proclaim my name throughout all the earth." (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*) But the day of final reckoning must come, and in that day Satan and his power will be completely destroyed

and there will be a complete change in the rulership of the world.

After the flood the human race multiplied in the earth and then men began to organize themselves into governments, the first organization being under the leadership of Nimrod. In that government and in every government from then till now three elements have constituted the visible ruling power, to wit, religion, politics and commerce. During all that time Satan the Devil has exercised his subtle power over the men of the nations, defrauded and deceived them, and led them away from the true God. But in all the centuries past God has had a few men on earth who have remained true and faithful to Him, and such men He has caused to be His witnesses in the earth.

Then Jehovah organized the people of Israel into a nation for himself and used that nation to foreshadow and foretell His purpose toward the human race. For some time that nation was faithful to God, but in the course of time the rulers and people fell under the wily influence of the Devil, turning away from God, and then that nation was completely destroyed. Israel was a type foreshadowing "Christendom". The nations of earth now called "Christendom" began to serve Jehovah, but in the course of time those nations fell away from the true worship of God, yielded to the seductive influence of Satan, and became corrupt, and God's decree is that they shall be completely destroyed at Armageddon, even as Israel was destroyed.

Satan, the wily and subtle foe, in order to deceive man, has caused the people to be kept in ignorance of himself and his work, his agents even denying that Satan exists at all. The question which you must determine now is whether you will believe and accept the word of man or believe and accept the truth of the Bible, which is God's Word. This message is addressed to those who believe that the Bible is the Word of God; and it will be a comfort to them, but not to others. Now the world is in great distress; the rulers in every nation under the sun are in very great perplexity. They sense disaster ahead, but do not know the reason why, nor will they give heed to the Bible truth of and concerning the same. Many religious leaders have told you that the present trouble upon the world is a punishment from God, whereas the Scriptures plainly state that Satan the Devil is the one causing the great distress and woe now upon

the people. Therefore it is written: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12) Now I tell you why Satan has brought this great woe upon the nations of earth.

At the beginning of Satan's rebellion Jehovah God promised that He would produce a "Seed" that would in due time rule the world in righteousness, destroy Satan and his organization, and bring blessings of peace, prosperity and life to all the peoples and nations of the earth that would do justice and righteousness. That promised "Seed" or Ruler is Christ Jesus, the beloved Son of God. Concerning Him it is written: "The government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty [Ruler], The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, . . . The zeal of [Jehovah] of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6,7) Thus Christ Jesus is identified as earth's rightful ruler, by and through whom the human race must receive the desired blessings.

In A.D. 33 the man Jesus, after having delivered God's message of truth to Israel, was killed by Satan's agents. God then raised Jesus out of death and gave Him life divine and made Him the most exalted one in the universe and appointed Him to the office of King or Ruler of the world. Jesus was required to wait, however, until God's due time for Him to assume His rulership. (Psalm 110:1) When on the earth Jesus declared that He must go away and receive the Kingdom and that He would then come again and set up the Kingdom; and for that reason He taught Christians to pray: 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth.'

In answer to the question as to what would be the proof of His coming and His kingdom Jesus stated that the world war would mark the beginning of His operations concerning the world. That world war came in 1914 in fulfillment of the prophecy uttered by Jesus. It was in that year that Jehovah God installed Jesus and commissioned Him to rule the world. (Psalm 2:6-12) Christ Jesus is a spirit now, and cannot be seen by human eyes. As Satan has long been the invisible ruler over the world, hence unseen by men, so now his rule must cease and Christ Jesus becomes the invisible ruler and controller of the world. Jehovah God has

for centuries suffered or permitted Satan to be the invisible ruler; but now that time limit is up and the end of Satan's world has come, and the time for Christ Jesus to take over the affairs of the world, and just before He begins the administration of blessings He will destroy the wicked ruler of this world and all who support that wicked ruler.

Satan knows that it is only a short time until Armageddon, which will be the final fight by Satan and his angels on one side and Christ Jesus and His angels on the other side, and, knowing this, Satan brings great woe upon the world, his purpose being to turn the people away from the true God and cause their destruction. This is further supported by the words of Jesus, who said that at the end of the world there would be great distress upon earth, with perplexity, and men's hearts failing them because of things they sense coming upon the world. This is exactly the condition that we see today. The great change from unrighteous to righteous rule or control of the world is impending.

Seeing the great danger of world collapse, earthly rulers organized the League of Nations as a substitute for God's kingdom, and the religious element of the world hails that League of Nations as "the political expression of God's kingdom on earth"; which claim is wholly false. Today an organization in America known as "The League of Nations Association, Inc.", by its president, has issued an appeal to the people to support the League of Nations, and which appeal among other things says: "In a world as dark as this, why blow out the only light there is?" meaning that the League of Nations is the only hope of the world. I warn the people that the League of Nations is the product of Satan, brought forth to deceive the people and blind them to the truth concerning God's kingdom. The League of Nations is absolutely certain to go down with the other parts of Satan's organization. God foreknew and foretold this confederacy of nations, and concerning it by His prophet He said: 'Associate yourselves together, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces. . . . Bind yourselves together, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought.'—Isaiah 8:9, 10.

In giving His answer concerning the evidence proving the end of the world Jesus referred to the League of Nations as that "abomination that

maketh desolate", because it assumes to take the place of God's kingdom. He said to His followers: 'When ye shall see the abomination of desolation [which is the League of Nations] stand in the holy place, then flee to God's kingdom.' (Matthew 24:15,16) Jesus gives this warning because the League of Nations is Satan's scheme to blind the people to the truth. All who seek refuge in the League of Nations will come to disaster. God's kingdom under Christ is the only hope of the human race, and refuge will be found only in God's organization.

For more than 1800 years the Israelites were God's typical people, and it is expressly stated in the Bible that what came to pass in connection with that nation foreshadowed what shall come to pass at the end of the world, where we now are. The nation of Israel began to function while domiciled in Egypt, and there the people of Israel pictured or represented the peoples now on earth who are on the side of God and Christ and who desire to see righteousness control and oppression end. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, represented or stood for Satan, the god or invisible ruler of the wicked world. Pharaoh and the officers of his government heaped great oppression upon the Israelites. Jehovah God sent Moses and Aaron to Egypt to be witnesses to His name and power. Moses was a type of Christ Jesus, while Aaron was a type of Jehovah's witnesses working under the direction of Christ Jesus. God commanded Moses and Aaron to go before Pharaoh and demand that His people Israel be permitted to serve and worship God in the way that Jehovah had appointed for them. Pharaoh refused to grant that request. Then God commanded Moses to bring plagues upon Egypt, that the rulers and the people might be informed and warned that Jehovah is the Almighty God and that His commandments must be obeyed. In all there were ten plagues that befell Egypt. The ninth plague was that of great darkness over all the land of Egypt except that part where God's chosen people were, and there the Israelites had complete light, which was a special favor from Jehovah.

Now at the end of the world Jehovah has sent Christ Jesus the Greater Moses and has sent forth His witnesses, pictured by Aaron, and commanded that His testimony must be given to the rulers of the world and to the people that Jehovah is the Supreme One and that His people shall be permitted without interference to

worship and serve God in the way He has appointed for them. In the year 1919 the religious, political and commercial elements of "Christendom" set up the League of Nations in opposition to God's kingdom under Christ, and since then all these visible rulers have vigorously opposed Jehovah's witnesses. At the command of the Lord His witnesses have served notice and warning upon the rulers that the world has ended, and that the kingdom of God is at hand, and have demanded of the rulers that God's people be permitted without interference to serve and worship Him in the manner Jehovah has appointed for them. The serving of such notice and warning constitutes the fulfilment of the nine plagues of Egypt; which nine prophetic plagues have been fulfilled upon the rulers of the world. As the ninth plague on Egypt was great darkness, just so now the rulers of the world are in great darkness as to God's purpose, because they refuse to heed God's truth. This is particularly shown by the fact that the League of Nations is openly claimed to be the only light that now shines on earth. The only exception to this great darkness is that those persons who have taken their stand on the side of God and His kingdom are now enjoying the light of the Word of God and by it are directed in the right course. At the conclusion of the ninth plague upon Egypt Pharaoh said to Moses and Aaron: 'Be gone and see me no more.' Even so now after the ninth antitypical plague has been served upon the rulers of the world, they have in effect said to Jehovah's witnesses: 'Be gone and let us have no more to do with you.' Pharaoh defied Jehovah God. The rulers of the world are now doing the same thing. They oppose Jehovah's witnesses and spurn God's warning, and they reject God and His kingdom.

After this, and in harmony with the will of God as He has commanded, Jehovah's witnesses will give no further notice and warning to the rulers of the world, but must now bring to the attention of the people of good will the message of notice and warning concerning Armageddon and God's kingdom, even as Moses and Aaron gave special instruction to the Israelites just before the tenth plague came upon Egypt.

The firstborn of Egypt under their law constituted a specially favored class; and hence in the prophetic picture the firstborn represented the present visible ruling element of the earth. The tenth and last plague which God sent upon

Egypt was this: He sent His angel throughout the land of Egypt and slew every one of the firstborn of the Egyptians, but gave protection to the firstborn of the Israelites because they obeyed His commandment, showing faith in man's Redeemer. The Israelites immediately left Egypt and were pursued by Pharaoh and his official organization, all of which were destroyed in the sea. That foreshadowed or pictured Armageddon, which will mean the complete destruction of Satan's rule of this world, both visible and invisible.

The Scriptures reveal that God never takes advantage of the ignorance of anyone, but always gives notice and warning before taking action to vindicate His name. Mark this, that He caused Noah to testify to men and angels of His purpose to destroy the world before He brought the flood, which destroyed the world. He caused Moses and Aaron to give full notice and warning to Egypt, and then came the destruction of that world power. He caused Jesus to give fair notice and warning to the rebellious nation of Israel, and then followed the destruction of that nation. Now Jehovah has caused His witnesses to give full and fair notice and warning to the rulers of this world; and when this witness work is completed, there shall quickly follow the complete destruction of the world. The flood, the destruction of Egypt, and the fall of Jerusalem brought great trouble upon the people, but Jesus declares that Armageddon shall bring upon the world the greatest tribulation ever known, and that it will be the last. (Matthew 24:14, 21, 22) Hence we may know that the impending battle of Armageddon will be the final and complete execution of Jehovah's judgment against the wicked, both invisible and visible.

Armageddon will not be fought between men of the nations of earth. Armageddon is the 'battle of the great day of God Almighty', in which Christ Jesus and His angels will fight against Satan and his wicked host, and Christ will be completely victorious. Mark now the words of the record in 2 Peter 3, to wit: 'In the last days shall come those who will deny and scoff at the kingdom of God, and for this they willingly are ignorant of the truth, that by the word of God the heavens and earth that were of old, constituting the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished; but the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word

are kept in store, reserved unto [destruction] against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. . . . Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements [visible ruling powers] shall melt with fervent heat.'—2 Peter 3:3-7, 12.

Those inspired words recorded in the Bible tell what shall shortly come upon the world, making a complete end of Satan's rule, thus clearing the way for the righteous rule of Christ Jesus. Continuing the apostle says: "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13) This marks the complete change of world control, the "new heavens" being the Christ or invisible rule, and the "new earth" meaning those faithful men of old from Abel to John the Baptist, who being resurrected as perfect men shall become the visible rulers in the earth; and that rule shall be one of righteousness.—Psalm 45:16; Isaiah 32:1.

In Revelation 21 the new rule of the world is symbolically called "the holy city" or organization, and is described as coming down from God out of heaven, which holy and righteous rule under Christ shall bring the greatest blessings to the people. Exercising His supreme power by and through Christ Jesus, Jehovah the great God of the universe will then bless all the people who obey His righteous law. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new: . . . for these words are true and faithful."—Revelation 21:4, 5.

Again I bring to your attention that the so-called "holy year" has failed to bring the promised peace and prosperity, and that failure of itself should convince the people of good will that God did not authorize the year 1933 to be called a holy year, nor will He answer the prayers of men who try to make it a holy year. Upon earth there is now no peace, and poverty continues to stalk hideously through the land. As Jehovah's witnesses we have no controversy with men. Our only purpose is to be obedient to God's commandment to tell the message of truth. As He has commanded this message to be delivered, by His grace we will do it, regardless of opposition; and when we have thus done,

our responsibility ends and yours begins. I must tell you that all human schemes to recover the world are certain to fail. The world is sick unto death, and it is going to die. There may be a temporary period of prosperity, but it will be very brief. Jehovah's decree is that there shall be a complete change of world control, and for this reason the old world must perish.

In the terrible disaster that shall soon come upon the present world all who oppose God will die and will find no possible way of escape. (Jeremiah 25:33-36) Money, property and worldly influence will not avail anyone to buy protection or relief in that time of great trouble. Concerning the same it is written in God's Word: "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." (Isaiah 24:3, 5) The everlasting covenant here mentioned is God's covenant concerning the sanctity of life. (Genesis 9:1-11) Every nation on earth has grossly violated and willfully broken that covenant by causing the unnecessary and untimely death of human creatures. Examples of such needless bloodstains upon the record of America are the cruel treatment to which the Indians have been subjected, and the wanton slaughter of animals; and which was done chiefly because of greed for gain. The commercial and political elements of the earth have unjustly oppressed and killed millions of human creatures, and the religious element has connived at and condoned such wrongful deeds. God will balance the books at Armageddon.

I warn the people of a wicked conspiracy formed by Satan, and in which conspiracy there are joined the international bankers, the unfaithful clergy, and the conscienceless politicians, among the purposes of which conspiracy are these: To put America in the League of Nations, control the money and all other property, rule the people by the hand of their one-man dictator, destroy the freedom of speech and press, and stop the true worship of God and Christ.

But be of good courage! The hand of Almighty God at Armageddon will smite all these enemies to the dust!

What, then, is the hope of the nations of the earth? Jehovah God points to Christ Jesus, the

new Ruler of the world, and says: 'Behold my servant, in whom my soul is pleased. He shall show righteous judgment to the nations, and in his name shall the nations hope.' (Matthew 12:18-21) Having been warned, men are at liberty to join whatsoever organization they may wish; but let the people of good will who desire to see righteousness, peace, prosperity and life everlasting on the earth take their stand wholly on the side of God and His kingdom. There is no place of safety anywhere else. To take your stand on Jehovah's side you do not need to join any human organization, but in the privacy of your home devote yourself to God and His kingdom under Christ. Be diligent to study the Word of truth and learn the way of righteousness. Avoid all controversies and strifes. If riots and revolutions come, keep away from them. Deal honestly and justly with your fellow man, and worship and obey the Almighty God. There are on earth today millions of people of good will who desire to know and to do what is right, and those who follow the instructions given to them in the Word of God may be hid in the time of the great tribulation, and be carried through it safely, and then live for ever on the earth and never die. Hence it can be truly said, "Millions now living will never die."

Opposers of God's truth may soon make it impossible for a time for you to hear the message of God's kingdom by radio, but Jehovah has provided other means. This speech, and others containing His message electrically transcribed, will be delivered to the people in every part of the land. Look for notice of such coming meetings and then assemble yourselves together and hear the truth and learn the way of righteousness. The change of world control just at hand not only will bring relief to suffering humanity but will bring boundless blessings and endless joy to those who obey God.

All who desire the righteous kingdom of Jehovah under Christ, and who are seeking safety, must take their stand now on the side of Jehovah. I propose that this audience, visible and invisible, adopt the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLVED, That we do now take our stand on the side of Jehovah God and His kingdom; and that we will obey, serve and worship Jehovah God and His beloved Son, Christ Jesus, who is the rightful Ruler of the world, and we will thus participate in the vindication of Jehovah's name.

Judge Rutherford's Statement to Congress

MORE details appear on subsequent pages, but the outstanding event connected with the hearings on the McFadden bill, H.R. 7986, before the House of Representatives Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio, and Fisheries, Washington, D.C., March 15-20, 1934, was the following statement.

Being in California for his health, and confronted with the fact that he was widely advertised to speak over a nation-wide network from the Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, March 25, Judge Rutherford was unable to be present, but after his affidavit was read for the record, it was placed in evidence by his attorney. The committee gave this closest attention, and we urge the same upon all our readers:

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
The Seventy-third, Second Session
Washington, D. C.

STATEMENT

Supporting House Bill H.R. 7986

The undersigned, JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, makes the following statement under oath:

My name is JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, my residence 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York. Temporarily I am at San Diego, California. I am, and since 1917 have been, the president of the following organizations or corporations, to wit: WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, all of which are in fact one and the same and engaged in identically the same work, being organized in different places and under different names for convenience.

About the year 1879 a company of Christian people at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, formed themselves into an organization under the name of ZION'S WATCH TOWER TRACT SOCIETY, and in the year 1884 by process of law became incorporated by that name and title. In 1896, by order of the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, duly entered of record, the name of the corporation was changed to that of WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY. In 1909 the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION was created and organized under the Membership Corporation law of the State of New York. The term INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION was a generic term applied to all people of a common faith in different countries of the earth who were associated together in a specific Christian work, and in the year 1914 a corporation was formed under the laws of England by that name. The term "Society" is often used to des-

ignate these Christian people in united body engaged in their specific work under the direction of the corporation above named. Seeing that Jehovah God's chief purpose was and is to take out from the nations a people for His name to be used for His witnesses these Christian people, by the Lord's favor, have taken the name Jehovah's witnesses and are generally known throughout the earth by that name.

PURPOSE

The sole purpose of the organizations above mentioned is to serve Jehovah God as He has commanded in His Word, the Bible, which requires all who have devoted themselves to Jehovah God to be obedient to His laws or commandments. The persons of this Association or organization are taught and firmly believe that there is one Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and whose name alone is Jehovah, which latter name specifically means His purpose towards His creatures; that there is one Redeemer of mankind, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Son of Jehovah God. We accept and believe and teach the Bible, which is otherwise designated the Holy Scriptures, and this we understand to be the Word of God given for the instruction of man in the way of righteousness.

We have no formal creed such as is formulated and promulgated by other organizations. We believe the Bible and that is our creed. We put forth no effort to obtain members, nor to propagate the doctrine of any human organization. The Bible teachings which we fully accept we understand to be the following, to wit:

God created the earth and created the first man perfect and placed him on the earth; that God made His spirit creature Lucifer the overlord of man; that Lucifer rebelled against God and thereafter his name was changed from Lucifer to Satan, Serpent, Dragon and Devil; that Satan induced man to sin against Jehovah's law, and for that wrongdoing man was sentenced to death, and all the human race, being the offspring of that first man Adam, by reason of inherited sin, were born as sinners or imperfect; that Satan challenged Jehovah God to put on earth men that would maintain their integrity toward Him and be faithful to God under the severe test; that God permitted Satan to live and carry on his rebellious work in order that his challenge might be fully put to the test and in due time for ever settled in the right way, and that a testimony might be given to all creation to the name of Jehovah in order to give opportunity for men to voluntarily take their stand on the side of Jehovah God and live or choose to take their stand on the side of the Devil and be destroyed. The great climax must be reached at some time, and that is now at hand.

To carry out His side of the question put at issue by the challenge Jehovah promised that He would send to earth a redeemer of man, which redeemer would purchase the human race, and in God's due time would establish over the earth a government of righteousness and under which all men might have the opportunity for everlasting life and happiness; that God sent His beloved Son Jesus to the earth for this purpose; that the death of Jesus provided the redemptive price for man; that Jesus was raised from the dead a divine creature and made Jehovah's chief representative in the universe and the rightful Ruler of the world.

The Scriptures further plainly set forth and teach that men have formed governments from time to time and endeavored to carry them forward and that Satan, exercising his subtle and wrongful influence over men, has influenced them and caused and induced their governments to become corrupt and to dishonor the name of Jehovah God; that Satan, carrying on this unrighteous work, has overreached religious organizations and has used them as his chief means to deceive the people, as well as the rulers, and to turn them away from the true God, and hence the world in general has come under the wrongful influence and domination of Satan the Devil; that the majority of men are ignorant of this great fact and it is God's will that testimony should be given concerning the same, that men may understand the truth thereof.

The Scriptures plainly show that in Jehovah's due time Jesus must come again and set up His kingdom of righteousness; that the time of His coming might be known by men who were watching and waiting therefor the Scriptures declare that this time should be marked by a world war, accompanied by pestilence and great distress and perplexity upon the nations of the world; that in 1914 this prophecy concerning the end of the world and the coming of the Lord's kingdom began to have fulfilment and the understanding thereof became possible only after that date; that Jesus Christ approximately at that time cast Satan the Devil down to earth and for that reason there is now great suffering, woe and distress upon the nations and peoples of the earth, and that Satan is the primary cause of such distress and suffering and he brings this upon men in order to turn them away from the true God and His kingdom; that just now Satan is gathering all the nations, and particularly the nations of "Christendom", to the great battle of Armageddon, at which battle Satan's organization will be completely destroyed; that according to the Scriptures that will be the greatest tribulation the world has ever known and will be the end of all trouble upon the earth; that following Armageddon peace and prosperity, happiness and life will come to men who are obedient and that the obedient will abide for ever upon earth and there will never be another war; that the great battle of Armageddon is impending and that it will come to pass within the present generation.

The Bible further teaches, which we accept and believe, that Jehovah has commanded that within the period of time from A.D. 1914 until the battle of Armageddon the faithful followers of Christ Jesus on earth must be witnesses for Jehovah and must inform the rulers and the people of Jehovah's purpose to destroy the wicked rule of earth and in its place and stead to establish His government of righteousness under Christ Jesus for the blessing of all the nations of the earth. To this end, therefore, Jehovah God commands His witnesses to proclaim and teach that the millions of people who have died are not in purgatory, nor in a place called hell, nor are they conscious in any place, but that they are dead, in the grave, know not anything, and hence are not undergoing suffering anywhere; that during the reign of Christ Jesus all who are in their graves or the state of death shall be resurrected and be given an opportunity to take their stand on the side of the Lord and obey Him and live for ever on earth; that the Bible shows conclusively that, since the dead are actually unconscious and out of existence, no man or men can offer prayers in behalf of the dead, and that prayers of men offered for the dead are wholly without value and avail nothing; that all prayers must be made to God in the name of Christ Jesus, and only God can forgive sins in answer to prayers; that Jehovah God alone is the life-giver, and hence that He is the Father (because "father" means life-giver), and He alone can bestow the blessings which men sorely need; that under Christ Jesus' reign these blessings will come, and for this reason Jesus taught His followers to pray, 'Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as in heaven,' and since then all of His true followers have thus and sincerely prayed to Jehovah God.

The Bible further teaches, and which teachings we accept and strive to obey, that those who are devoted to God must proclaim the good news concerning the kingdom of God both to the rulers and to the people and to inform them as taught by the Scriptures that the only hope of the world is God's kingdom, and that this testimony must be given, not for the purpose of converting men of the world now, but as a witness in order that those who desire may serve God and live or refuse to serve Him and lose that great privilege; that as soon as this witness work is completed there will follow the great tribulation of Armageddon; and following Armageddon will come the resurrection of the dead and the blessing of the people of the earth who obey the laws of God's kingdom.

The teaching of these Bible truths as commanded by the Lord has caused religious leaders to become greatly angered at us, for the reason that these Bible truths make known the fact that the people have been taught many doctrines which are not supported by the Bible and hence the people have been deceived greatly to their injury. For this reason leaders in religious denominations have launched an active campaign

against Jehovah's witnesses. We have no controversy with any man and we have no fight with any man, but we must be obedient to Jehovah's commandments and declare His truth as set forth in His Word, and it is His Word of truth that has caused the great opposition to our work and has resulted in much persecution of the faithful and harmless Christian people who have engaged in this work of proclaiming the truth.

The radio is the creation of God, and not of any man; hence it is our God-given privilege and duty to use the radio to proclaim the truth which is set forth in the Bible, in order that the people might hear, and this we have been doing. The truth proclaimed by radio has exposed the errors taught by men, and therefore it is the truth that has caused the opposition to our using the radio. Instead of replying to the teachings which we have been promulgating from the Scriptures the opposers seek to destroy our opportunity of using the radio for that purpose and to try to deprive the people of having the opportunity of hearing these truths by radio. Repeatedly I have offered to discuss these Bible questions with the clergymen by radio, not for the purpose of holding up anyone to ridicule, but that the people might for themselves determine what they desire to believe, but all such requests for such a public discussion have been ignored and the opposition to our work has increased in the manner above mentioned.

The very existence of the governments and peoples of the earth is now at stake, and for that reason there could be nothing of such public and vital importance to the people as a correct knowledge and understanding of Jehovah God's purpose of and concerning them. If the people go the wrong way they shall surely die; whereas if they go in the right way they may receive the blessings of life. Hence the message of God's kingdom proclaimed as set forth in the Bible comes clearly within the purview of the Radio Act concerning public interest, convenience and necessity.

Many radio stations have gladly broadcast our programs, and during the past three years there has been a wide proclamation of the truth in this way, and this has afforded to the radio stations much legitimate revenue, since we have paid for the broadcasting of such programs. In that time millions of people have heard these Bible instructions and have rejoiced, and these truths have helped them to be better men and women. Such has been the expression by many thousands both of Catholics and Protestants, Jews and non-Jews. It must be conceded that the people have the right to hear what they please without interference from anyone, and as long as that which is broadcast is moral and upbuilding, and for the good of those who hear, surely no one has any right to interfere with the proclamation of the same.

The Catholic people as such are not against the message which we proclaim, and this is evidenced by the numerous letters received from Catholics in va-

rious parts of the country. Many of them have expressed their great desire to hear more, and thousands of them are reading that message that is in printed form. It is the priests or clergymen and officials of the Catholic organization that have engaged and carried on and are carrying on a vigorous and vituperative campaign against us. That they have a right to abuse us no one will call in question, but they do not have any right to employ the means of boycott, of threats and coercion, against radio stations in order to force such stations to cease taking and broadcasting our programs. The Catholic press and the Catholic clergymen throughout the country are employing these very wrongful methods and threaten business loss and disaster to radio stations in order to prevent them from taking and broadcasting our programs and thus are depriving the people of hearing them as well as depriving the radio stations of legitimate right to broadcast such things as they may deem proper.

We are not here asking for any favor of Congress, but we are here demanding that our rights and the rights of the general public be safeguarded and that men and organizations be prohibited from employing threats to destroy the business of radio stations and using that and like coercive methods to compel radio stations to deny us the use of their facilities. We will be the last ones to ever complain to opposition to us, but we do insist that we have the right under the fundamental law of this land, and, above all, under the law of God, to contract with the owners of radio stations to broadcast our programs and that such stations have the right to freely contract with us without interference or fear of suffering loss at the hands of other persons or organizations. For that reason we are asking this Congress to make it a criminal offense for any person or organization to use threats, boycotting or other coercive methods to hinder or interfere with the free making and performance of contracts between persons or organizations with reference to radio broadcasting. Such a rule of law is general and for the general welfare, and not in the interest of any particular organization, and every honest and law-abiding person should be in favor of such a law. It extends the same privilege and protection to all, regardless of religious faith or previous condition of servitude.

With elaborate pontifical ceremonies the year 1933 was declared to be a holy year in which united prayers should be made to bring to the world peace and prosperity. In a radio speech I called attention to this as being presumptuous before the Lord, since no man has any power or authority to declare a year a holy year. That proper and legitimate and Scriptural criticism of "Holy Year" called forth from the Catholic press a tirade of abuse and vilification against me and repeated threats to destroy the business of radio stations that would dare to continue to broadcast speeches made by me. Concerning the personal abuse of myself I have no complaint; but threats made against

owners and lessees of radio stations who broadcast such programs as they desire, and therefore putting such owners and lessees in fear of loss of business or social support, and which resulted in depriving millions of people of hearing what they wish to hear, is so grossly wrong that it demands the serious attention of Congress. Let the Roman Catholic clergy believe and teach what they desire, but when they attempt to tell American citizens what they may or may not hear or what they may and may not do, and employ threats, boycott and coercive means to accomplish their wrongful purpose, then it is that the law-making body of this land should take positive action for the protection of American interests.

Surely it has not come to the point in America that the people are permitted only to hear one side of an important question at issue. The so-called "Holy Year" has come and passed, and the united prayers of the political religious institutions have resulted in bringing neither prosperity nor peace to the world, but, on the contrary, wars are threatened and poverty continues to stalk abroad in the earth. Jehovah God in the Bible has told why these unhappy conditions are here and what will be the outcome thereof. Is it not of greatest public interest, convenience and necessity that the people hear these truths?

No religious, political or financial institution has the Constitutional right to use the Federal Radio Commission either directly or indirectly in an attempt to frighten the owners or lessees of radio stations and thus cause them to refrain from broadcasting certain or specific programs which they have the legal right to broadcast. A case in point is this: After broadcasting my speech on "Holy Year" by a large number of radio stations in the United States, and after the Catholic press and the clergy had launched a vigorous attack upon me and against the radio stations that had broadcast the same, and after the clergy had made vigorous protest to the Federal Radio Commission against such speech, then the Federal Radio Commission requested me to file with it a list of stations that had broadcast that speech and to furnish a copy of the speech to the Federal Radio Commission, which request I readily complied with. After all of this, and after the Commission had been furnished the information requested, then the Federal Radio Commission addressed letters to numerous radio stations, the names of which stations were on the list I had furnished to the Commission, requesting such stations to advise the Commission as to whether or not they had broadcast my speech concerning the "Holy Year". The manifest purpose of such letters to the various stations was not to obtain information asked for, but was an indirect way of advising such radio stations that further broadcasting of such speech by myself might be grounds for refusing to renew their license. That some of the stations so understood and construed those letters, I know to be true, because managers of radio stations so expressed themselves.

For the guidance of the Federal Radio Commission and for the public interest Congress therefore should so amend Section 11 of the Radio Act as to clearly define the meaning of the phrase therein, to wit: "public interest, convenience and necessity."

If the Roman Catholic hierarchy be permitted to determine what is of public interest, convenience and necessity and can by means of threats or other wrongful means prevent radio stations' broadcasting what is displeasing to such religious organization, then the Roman-Spanish inquisition will be in full force in America, even though in a somewhat more refined form, and the freedom of speech in this land will cease. The Congress should take positive action, not in behalf of or against any religious organization, but in behalf of the people in general, to safeguard the interest and the rights of the people which are guaranteed by the Federal Constitution.

With us it is not at all material, nor do we care if the Catholic institution increases its followers by the millions, because that responsibility is upon that organization and the men who conduct it, and they must account to Jehovah God, and not to us. We are commanded by Jehovah God to sound His notice and warning to the rulers and to the people concerning His name, the establishment of His kingdom, and what shall shortly fall upon the world, and this we must do in order to meet the responsibility laid upon us, and all who oppose the proclamation of such message of truth will receive a just recompense at the hand of Jehovah God. The obligation now resting upon this Congress is to see that no hindrance is put in the way of a free proclamation of God's Word, and that obligation cannot be side-stepped or met by merely ignoring it.

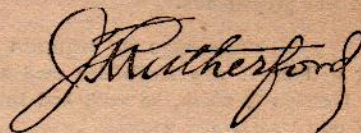
There are two gigantic radio corporations in America owning, leasing and operating radio stations, to wit: The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System. These corporations, by their officers, have undertaken to determine what the American people may or may not hear with reference to what the Bible contains, and hence have limited the use of their facilities to certain religious organizations and have unjustly discriminated and do unjustly discriminate against all others, including ourselves, and which is detrimental to the interest of millions of American citizens. Such radio corporations have denied the use of their facilities to us for hire because what we teach is not pleasing to certain religious organizations, which organizations they do favor. Such unjust discrimination should not be permitted, and this Congress should take the necessary steps to prevent such discrimination. The rights of the people are supreme to that of any organization or corporation, and the right of the minority cannot be properly ignored. Unless this Congress takes action as here suggested, then millions of people will be denied the opportunity of hearing God's Word of truth.

and this Congress will bear a great responsibility therefor before Almighty God.

We call attention to these facts which are fully supported by God's Word the Bible, and by the physical facts which are now apparent to all, that it may be seen that the world has reached a great crisis, and that no man knows the way out, but God's Word furnishes and clearly points to the only way out and the only possible way of escape to safety; that God has commanded that these facts must be brought to the attention of the rulers and to the people themselves, and a failure of God's witnesses to so do would cost them their lives.

In this hour of great crisis upon the world, and when the people are in such dire need of knowledge and understanding of God's Word of truth, every effort should be put forth to give the people an opportunity to hear and understand the Bible truths. No person, persons, companies or corporations should be permitted to put in fear owners and lessees of radio stations and thus wrongfully prevent the people from hearing by radio the all-important message of Jehovah's Word. Having brought these matters to your attention our responsibility ends and there yours begins. In all kindness I suggest that before passing finally upon the question raised by the petitions filed in support of this Bill you give due consideration to the fact that Christ Jesus is earth's rightful King

under Jehovah God; that His kingdom is at hand, and that this matter of notice and warning is given to you in harmony with the expressed will of God, as set forth in the prophecies, and, these facts having been brought to your attention, such adds greatly to your responsibility, as declared in the following and many other supporting Scriptures, to wit: Ezekiel 3:18-21; Psalm 2:6-12.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO } ss

On this 14th day of February A.D. 1934, before me, Marguerite DeLuca, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, to me known and known to be the person who signed the statement set forth in the foregoing pages, and being by me first duly sworn, says that he signed and executed the same and that the statements therein are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date above.

MARGUERITE DELUCA

Other Items of Interest at the Hearings on the McFadden Bill

THE skill with which The Associated Press and the other press agencies deprived the American people of any knowledge of the greatest petition ever presented in the history of legislation, or of the hearings which followed its presentation, is noteworthy. The *Evening Sun*, Baltimore, is an exception. From a report two columns long, published on the first day of the hearings, we quote some of the colloquy which, if The Associated Press wished at all to serve 2,416,141 who signed the Protest and Petition, presented to Congress January 24, 1934, would have been published in every newspaper in the land.

A committee consisting of representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths have banned Jehovah's witnesses, said Wertz.*

"Do Jehovah's witnesses attack the Roman Catholic church?" asked Representative John Brown (Dem., Ky.).

"They attack the doctrines of the Catholic church," said Wertz. "Not the individuals of that church."

OPERATES SMALL STATION

Jehovah's witnesses, under the title of the Peoples' Pulpit [Association], operate a small radio station at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jehovah's witnesses now operate in sixty-one countries of the world.

"How do they get financial support?" asked Representative Gifford.

"By voluntary contributions," replied Wertz. "The income of the head of Jehovah's witnesses and of all its workers is limited to \$15 a month and board and room."

"How many adherents has the organization?"

"About 15,000,000 people in the United States."

INTERPRETS BIBLE

"These adherents of Jehovah's witnesses," went on Wertz, "are made up of Catholics, Protestants and Jews."

*Mr. Edwin S. Wertz, attorney, of Cleveland, Ohio, represented Jehovah's witnesses before the Radio Committee of the House of Representatives, at Washington, D.C., in the hearings on the McFadden bill, March 15-20, 1934. Mr. Wertz has his law offices in the Union Trust Building, Cleveland. He was selected as a lawyer of ability in whom Judge Rutherford has confidence, as to both his ability and his honesty. He has represented Jehovah's witnesses in Ohio and other states. He was United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio during President Wilson's administration.

McFadden's bill forbids discrimination and censorship in the use of radio and makes its violation a misdemeanor to be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

McFadden, who was the first witness, said that at present the radio company did discriminate both between political candidates and between religions and other organizations.

He said that petitions signed by 2,416,000 citizens had been sent in to Congressmen, protesting against the existing censorship. He went on to declare that much radio advertising was really political propaganda.

JUMPS INTO BIG BUSINESS

Getting well under way McFadden read a scorching attack on "big business", which, he said, had turned "the toiling millions" into "serfs and paupers".

"Every branch of the Government," McFadden declared, "is controlled and contaminated by big business, which, also, controls the army and navy."

"Did big business elect Roosevelt?" asked Representative Charles L. Gifford (Rep., Mass.).

"I think it had a good deal to do with it," replied McFadden.

McFadden went on to say that "big business owns or controls practically all the newspapers and magazines and all the clergymen of the country".

"Did the distinguished gentleman call the attention of the country to these dangers while he was chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House?" asked Representative William I. Sirovich (Dem., N. Y.).

"Yes," replied McFadden.

"What specific clergymen does the speaker refer to?" persisted Sirovich.

"I mean the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America," said McFadden.

HITS AT INTERNATIONALISM

"I object to intolerance in the use of the radio," he declared.

"What do you mean by 'intolerance' on the radio?" asked Sirovich.

"I mean the spreading on the radio of propaganda for internationalism," said McFadden.

"Would you favor a few clear channels on the air to be owned and operated by the Government?" asked Sirovich.

"That may become necessary," McFadden replied.

REPORTS CRITICISM

"Have you been invited to speak over the radio on the subject of your bill?" asked Representative Gifford.

"No," replied McFadden, "but a year or two ago when I introduced another radio bill, the Rev. D. Parks Cadman severely criticized me, but I was not given an opportunity to reply."

WANTS "UNIVERSITY OF AIR"

Sirovich said he was working on a bill which would create "the national university of the air", and under which the most eminent men in politics, science and education would address the public over air channels now controlled by the Government.

"Are there instances where the Radio Commission has suggested to announced speakers that they had better not speak?" asked Gifford.

"I think later witnesses will so testify," said McFadden.

"The British government controls the radio," said Gifford.

"Does the Government cut off its political opponents from the air?"

"I understand there have been such charges," replied McFadden. "And in this country, also, I have been told, static or other conditions have stopped certain political addresses."

"I have been told," went on McFadden, "that witnesses have testified that Station WGY is controlled by the National Broadcasting Company and that no religious addresses of any kind can be put on the air over that station until such addresses have been approved by the censorship committee of the Federation of Churches."

REPORTS INTERNATIONAL MOVE

"There is a movement on foot to control all means of communication internationally. I understand that the International Telephone and Telegraph Company controls radio in the United States."

Chairman Schuyler O. Bland (Dem., Va.) quoted from the radio law the clause which forbids a radio company to exercise censorship over what is spoken over the radio and, further, the provision that if one candidate is given time, his opponents must be given equal time.

McFadden said that the National Broadcasting Company had allotted certain time for religious addresses and that it insisted that all such addresses must be approved by the Federation of Churches of Christ.

Ramspeck went on to ask if the securities act, the Stock Exchange Control act and other legislation proposed by the Roosevelt administration were not bitterly opposed by big business.

ANSWERED BY COMMITTEE

McFadden agreed that certain sections of big business did not approve such legislation.

"I have been told that the bank deposit insurance bill," said McFadden, "was passed practically at the demand of investment bankers, who were responsible for looting the banks and were afraid to face the suffering depositors."

Statement of Anton Koerber

Jehovah's witnesses have been asked the question by members of Congress and others, "Is the petition as recently presented by millions of American citizens an anti-Catholic movement, and are Jehovah's witnesses in favor of H.R. 7986 for any such reason?" The answer is emphatically "No".

There is no act or intention on the part of American citizens (including Jehovah's witnesses) who signed this petition to restrain or interfere with the rights of any class of people, be they Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish, but, on the other hand, the petition protests against certain acts on the part of the clergy (including those of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and particularly the Roman Catholic hierarchy) who have by unethical practices sought to restrain and interfere with the rights of others in the free worship and service to God in the use of the radio.

The purpose of the petition and its signers is not associated with any movement to agitate or arouse a religious controversy, but rather is a cry for relief from the oppression fostered by organized clergy and the principal of their flock, namely, big business, who

use the God-given ether waves for their own selfish interests and the clergy as mouthpieces in suppressing the Kingdom message. We see nothing in the bill that deprives any of their rights as American citizens. The bill proposes legislation to prohibit lawless forces from further covetousness and overt acts that result in the dispossession of those rights. The bill further provides certain safeguards to protect the inherent rights of the American people in the worship and service to God according to the dictates of their own conscience without interference.

The question must come to your mind, "Why should the clergy of all people, who claim to represent God and the Bible, seek to throttle and prevent others from expressing freely God's purposes as stated in the Scriptures, except it be through fear of exposure?" The love of God casts out all fear, and truthful persons are bold to both hear and proclaim the Word of God. (1 John 4:17,18) We are warned that the clergy in the Lord's day had a form of godliness but denied God's Word of truth. (2 Timothy 3:5) The clergy killed God's prophets, crucified Christ Jesus, imprisoned and killed the disciples, and used the Inquisition during the Middle Ages. (John 8:40-44) Organized clergy of the present generation is no different from the past. The veneer is simply more polished, but the same wicked intention to exclude or destroy anyone who interferes with their selfish schemes to control the people persists today.—Matthew 23:27.

A Congressman is granted certain powers by election relative to laying out a course of action for the people to pursue, but the clergy and the principal of their flock have assumed that power by usurpation. Today the people are dominated by these factors and have no voice and are given no choice in the matter because their rights are not protected by those who have the authority to do so. Oppression is rampant under the guise of religion. The great Creator did not make His creatures to live upon the earth under such conditions forever, and the Scriptures give abundant evidence that the time has come when all will be granted the right to serve God in spirit and in truth with open hearts and minds, unhindered by religious prejudice. Therefore it is a most opportune time for those who love God and desire to do good to their fellow man to boldly declare these facts to the people and open the way for a better understanding among those who desire to serve God.

Neither the Catholic, Protestant, nor Jewish people, as such, are involved or guilty of the wicked practices to exclude and restrain freedom of political, religious or educational expressions by radio, nor have they given unfavorable expression against certain Scriptural programs of speech which seem to have incensed the clergy. Rather, the very message that has incensed the clergy has brought comfort to millions of people of good will. These people are glad to know that God's kingdom, for which they have long prayed,

is now at hand, and that the blessings to all the families of the earth, which God promised, are now available. To receive these blessings at God's hand, all must put their trust in Jehovah God and have knowledge of His purposes. Jehovah's witnesses are engaged in giving the message of God's kingdom unselfishly by pointing to His Word, as expressed in the Bible, as the only lawful course of action to follow. This is referred to in the Watch Tower charter as "the dissemination of Bible truths". We hold that God's kingdom is the only hope of the world. Organized clergy, including the Catholic hierarchy, have proved that they are against God's kingdom, because they have taken every possible step to estop the message of God's kingdom, which Jehovah through Christ Jesus has commanded shall be given for the vindication of His Word and name.

In each case of a number of stations, either a Catholic priest or Protestant clergyman has been responsible for the unethical campaign to exclude others from the air. The complaints were entirely a case of personal animosity. That they have the right to abuse others under the cloak of religious immunity is not questioned here. But they do not have the right, in order to carry out their malicious purposes, to employ such means as threats, boycott and coercion to the detriment of business firms who advertise, radio stations which broadcast, and the people who desire to hear what they consider to be a proper expression of the Bible.

Further, if Congress has not deemed it advisable to grant to the Radio Commission the right of censorship, surely that power cannot be exercised by the clergy without legislation. For the latter class to assume that role without legal authority is lawlessness in the extreme. As American citizens the clergy have no more rights than any other Americans, and therefore should be restrained from such wicked practices the same as others. The fact that one person, because he is a pope or cardinal, can say anything he wishes without interference does not preclude another from contradicting the former's statements because such matters are considered controversial and an insult to the pope. Whether a man is a pope, cardinal, international banker or an honest workingman, the laws of this country place all on the same footing and the Constitution of the United States prescribes protection to Americans from just such a condition as exists today in radio matters.

We understand the proposed legislation in the McFadden Radio Bill H.R. 7986, carries no selfish privileges in favor of any. It cannot possibly be construed as favoring any particular person or organization, but rather affords equal opportunity for all to contribute to the welfare of others in giving a square deal in broadcasting, relative to the important points at issue. It provides that station owners shall have the free exercise of their rights to contract for legitimate programs without interference by disin-

terested parties, and prohibits *undue* discrimination in behalf of one party to the exclusion of another when all conditions should be considered equal.

The above-stated features in the bill, together with the provisions of protection against threats, coercion and boycott are surely for the welfare of all and not in the interest of any in particular. The bill extends the same privilege and measure of protection to all, regardless of their political views, religious faith and charitable efforts. It expresses that portion of the Constitution that should apply to radio today relative to good government and freedom of worship and service to God. That the Roman Catholic hierarchy and other clergy have the right to express by radio and otherwise certain views throughout European nations as well as the United States without interference is not questioned here. But surely others have a right to express contrary views based upon the Scriptures without interference by the clergy element or any other element because the facts expressed are contrary to the views of the clergy. The Constitution and laws of the United States contain certain provisions to protect the inherent rights of American citizens against monopolies, whether the latter be of religious or of commercial element. Today both of the latter are operated on a commercial basis.

The creatures in this country who are walking humbly before the living God and seeking to do good to their neighbors have an undeniable right to unselfishly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ without molestation. This right of freedom of expression and freedom of participation for others to express Jehovah God's purposes concerning us is now claimed in the proposed legislation of H. R. 7986. For this reason we are in favor of it.

Statement by A. R. Goux

In the statement which follows NBC stands for National Broadcasting Company and CBS for Columbia Broadcasting System.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

NBC began operations in 1926.

CBS began operating in 1927.

During the time that NBC and CBS controlled only a few stations we were able to make up our own chain and could get by fairly well with the dissemination of our program.

In recent years both of these systems have expanded by acquiring other powerful stations. These chain companies also acquired by contract a prior claim on practically all the desirable time on independently owned stations. Therefore at the present time these two chain companies control practically all of the powerful stations in the United States.

Owing to refusal of these chain systems to carry our programs on their networks, we are compelled to make up a separate chain of smaller stations, or stations with small power and a short radius of trans-

mission. This greatly increases our expense by compelling us to carry more telephone-line connections to get the required greater number of stations to cover the listening areas as far as practicable by means of the smaller stations than could be covered if we had free access to the powerful stations used by NBC and CBS.

Many of the stations we are compelled to use now have little sending capacity. We are unable to cover the same areas with the use of these small stations as we could cover by use of the larger stations. We are compelled to expend larger sums of money and we do not get the service, nor do we provide the programs for all who desire to hear.

Today these chains monopolize the United States by station ownership and by preferred option of time on independently owned stations that have been assigned to use the choice operating frequencies and the high power. Those chain-controlled stations have the capacity to reach all listening areas of the United States at any time, to the exclusion of the other stations.

In recent years a regional chain was organized, known as the Yankee network, covering New England. This chain is now associated with CBS. The Yankee network includes smaller stations with preferential contracts as to time.

The city of Washington has a powerful CBS outlet in WJSV; it has also two NBC outlets, WMAL and WRC; it has also one independently owned station of low power, WOL. We are prevented from using any one of these four stations. WOL declines to broadcast our programs for fear of incurring the disfavor of the Federal Radio Commission. The two chain systems dominate the other three Washington stations.

A number of the populous areas of the United States we are unable to reach; such as Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, New England, even with the smaller stations, due to the preferred option of time held by the chains on the stations that have adequate sending capacity.

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

The NBC service was used by us on one occasion: July 24, 1927. This was a one-hour program, broadcast by 51 stations.

Since then we have never been permitted to use that service.

The reason given for the NBC refusal was that their broadcasting enterprise is conducted primarily for commercial purposes, and that we would have to take the matter up with their Advisory Council. This Advisory Council includes a religious policy committee composed of three members: a representative of the Catholic faith; one of the Protestant faith; and one of the Jewish faith.

This committee of the Advisory Council is designated as the Committee on Religious Activities, and to

it the NBC has entrusted the responsibility of governing the broadcasting of programs connected with religion or the Bible.

This committee has always refused to permit us to use the service of the NBC to broadcast our programs of Bible instruction.

The committee refuses our programs, saying that the NBC networks are adequately provided with religious program material furnished and approved by their committee.

We have requested NBC to broadcast our programs. Such requests have been made repeatedly since 1927. We have offered to pay for the time at commercial rates and have always been refused, except the first time, July 24, 1927.

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

CBS refuses to accept our programs, stating that it is contrary to their policy to accept programs of this nature.

CBS has never broadcast our programs on its networks.

Last November we entered into a contract with WPG, Atlantic City, New Jersey, for a one-hour program in electrical transcription, to be broadcast December 31, 1933, on the subject "Religious Intolerance: Why". Before the date of the broadcast we were informed by the manager of WPG that the CBS had written to him and advised him to cancel the contract.

Besides owning a number of stations, directly or through its subsidiary corporations, the CBS has prior claim on time of many independently owned stations, through contracts with such stations which are highly restrictive according to information given us from time to time by the stations.

For example, independently owned stations located at

Birmingham, Ala.	Tacoma, Wash.
Montgomery, Ala.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Boston, Mass.	

had reported to us their readiness to carry our program on March 25, 1934. The station at Akron, Ohio, had given us similar report and had even signed a contract to take our program. Later we were advised by each of these stations that they would be unable to accept our program on March 25, 1934, for the reason that the CBS claimed a prior right to the time which we desired to use.

Stations at Wichita (Kansas) and Indianapolis (Indiana), independently owned and associated under contract with CBS network, advised us that their contract with the CBS strictly forbids them the right to broadcast any chain program other than the Columbia chain.

The station at Memphis (Tennessee), WREC, which has carried our programs for many years, was anxious to clear the half-hour period required by us for the March 25 private network broadcast. The station

requested permission of the CBS to take off the regular commercial-chain feature for that date only. This request to CBS was telephoned by the general manager of the station and, according to our local representative's report, the request was flatly refused and the station manager refuses further to consider removing the CBS program for our program for fear of what CBS might do in retaliation.

Statement of C. J. Woodworth

In support of verbal testimony given here, I would like to show the Committee how the organization referred to in the "Petition" as the Roman Catholic hierarchy operated in this country to exclude from the air, by unethical methods, programs of speech by Judge Rutherford because his expressed views differed from those of the Catholic hierarchy and were considered inimical to the latter's interests.

It is well known that the pope is the visible head of the Roman Catholic organization. It may be interesting to know that there are 310 official Catholic publications in this country which the pope freely admits is his voice in America. The editors of these papers are chiefly bishops and priests. However, their publications and activities are not confined to religion, but cover commercial, political and social life. In addition, there are some 35 Catholic organizations of men, such as the Knights of Columbus, and approximately 75 Catholic organizations of women in this country, which cooperate with and support the Catholic press and Catholic programs. Their expressed purpose is for the advancement of Catholic interests and the suppression and abolition of other parties considered inimical to Catholic interests. In other words, if any religious, educational or political organizations publish or broadcast what is considered by the Catholic hierarchy as inimical to Catholic interests in this country, the command is given through their press that the undesirable person or persons shall be taken off the air or put out of business. As experienced recently, the said organization then functions as follows:

Through their publications the Catholic population are induced to believe that the pope has been insulted by certain broadcasts of speech and, therefore, serious wrong has been done to all Catholics. Further, that it is their solemn duty to cooperate in having the offender put off the air. The Catholic publications write articles concerning the method to be used in ostracizing the undesirable person or corporation, which in some cases has resulted in boycotting by threats and coercion. The usual procedure to accomplish their purpose is, first, for a bishop or priest to demand in behalf of the Catholic people of his community that the radio station owners break their contracts with the so-called 'offenders' and exclude them in the future. When such request is refused, as is often the case, then the station owner is threatened that he may lose some business, and immediately word

is given to their different Catholic organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus, to bring pressure on that particular station. The pressure, in substance, is to approach the advertisers who use the facilities of the station involved, with a threat of loss of business by withdrawal of patronage unless they cooperate and join in demanding that the station manager withdraw the undesirable programs. In certain cases where the people and advertisers have refused to do this, their so-called "vigilant committee" has called upon the station owner and intimidated the manager and advertiser. In other cases, such as at Philadelphia, a Catholic cardinal induced the station owner to discontinue broadcasting upon threats to boycott his department-store business.

It should be most interesting to this committee to know that the common people, Catholics, Hebrews and Protestants, are not protesting against the WATCHTOWER programs and have not engaged in these unethical practices referred to, but that these "vigilant committees", these editors of Catholic publications and heads of other organizations inciting such lawless methods to accomplish their purposes, are, for the main part, priests, bishops, cardinals and other clergy of the Catholic hierarchy.

When such station owners realize that their whole business is threatened to be destroyed, they acquiesce to these unfair demands. In addition, such a station owner dare not mention the matter, for fear of further reprisals; but sufficient evidence unmistakably shows that this is their method of operation and that it continues even to the present time.

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Social and Educational

If You Ask Me

(Elm, in the *Hutchinson Herald*)

I'M WONDERING if the idea of free speech in these United States isn't losing out a bit. Americans, it seems, are becoming rather touchy on various controversial subjects and the underdogs may be suffering.

The radio has to be so careful not to offend anyone. Mr. Cantor or Mr. Wynn springs a fast one on the plumbers or the icemen and immediately the Amalgamated Order of Plumbers or the Association for the Advancement of Ice-men registers a great big complaint.

The good old American sense of humor seems to be passing on.

And radio stations are tossed off the air because the owner has said something which has offended an organization. Or perhaps the organization holds the opinion the radio speaker is wrong. If the organization is strong enough the radio owner scrams.

In Chicago interesting movies of rioting in Paris and Vienna are banned because the mayor thinks riots might get going in that great city.

The newspapers have printed pictures of the riots and stories have followed black headlines. But the movies are barred.

That's censorship and a clamping down on free speech.

A religious leader speaks his ideas over the radio and the organization he criticizes works to have him barred. And yet the nation was founded on the idea that religion was to be free, that all faiths could be followed and preached.

Radio stations are closed to him. He can pay and is willing to pay. But stronger organizations clamp down on him.

Free speech rights are forgotten.

The radios claim they want no controversial stuff going into the ether. They bar one speaker and permit another one. The address of the one remaining on the air may be controversial and answerable by the man barred.

Governmental departments shut down on news. They give out only what they want published. That's censorship and the free press is no longer free.

One radio station with more influence than a weaker one sees to it that the weaker one is pinched. The weaker one may be nipping at the heels of the influential station. Soon the nipping is halted entirely.

The president claims there is no thought of censorship in the newspaper code because of

the constitution guaranteeing the right of free speech, but newspapers are afraid that in an emergency free speech would go a-glimmering.

It's a changing nation—and the change is for the worst, it seems.

An Interesting and Baffling Use of Nines

SAYS George Aker (alias Johnny Dab), of Indiana: "Being somewhat an amateur 'magician', who obtains his so-called 'mysteries' by natural laws only, and having noticed the 'Study in Nines', here is one that is a real trick and may be worth your attention. This is supposed to be an effect in mind-reading, a thing which is possible, provided you know in advance what the other person is going to think of. Have someone write down on a slip of paper a row of figures, any number of digits; e.g., 5492873. Then have him add the figures across, which in this case gives 38. Then have him subtract this total from the original number: 5492873 minus 38; which gives an answer of 5492835. Correct? Using this last total, allow him to secretly cross out any one figure he may care to and to give you the remaining figures and you will tell him correctly the figure he crossed out. This is the how. Suppose the figure crossed out is the 4. The number given to you will then be 592835. Write this number down and mentally add the row, which in this case gives 32. And here is where the old *nine* comes in. Simply subtract this number, 32, from the next higher multiple of nine, which in this case is 36, and your answer is 4, the number crossed out. Simple, isn't it? And it works every time. In the event that the number is a multiple of nine, then either a nine or a zero has been crossed out. To learn which, merely ask if it was a zero, explaining that a zero has no value; if they reply Yes, you have found the number; if they answer No, you know the nine is the number crossed out."

Relief in New York Increased Tenfold

THE Welfare Council of New York city reports that the cost of relief for the needy in New York during 1933 totaled \$110,000,000. This is about eleven times the amount spent for that purpose in 1929, the year in which the prosperity bubble burst. In addition to the \$110,000,000, large amounts are spent caring for people in institutions. The people need a righteous government, in which graft and profiteering will not be tolerated and in which relief will be a thing of the past.

Finance and Transportation

Overgrown Box of Capitalism

SAYS Arthur Brenton, of Australia: "There is not a single country where western methods of production are in operation, in which there is any technical productive problem at all, either agricultural or otherwise; and the problem we have to solve is a problem of distribution. Imagine a closed box, representing the industrial system, a box in which are all the plant, material, craftsmanship, and other factors of production. Let there be an outlet from the box through which are to appear those final results of production, which alone justify the undertaking of any production at all—namely, consumable goods, in their widest sense of all the means of life, material and cultural. Let us all stand around this box with slips of paper in our hand bearing the injunction: 'You must consume less, so that the box can produce more.' What does this mean? Obviously, that we must allow as little to come out of the box as possible. But observe, the injunction says that this is to enable the box to produce more. More what, then? Surely not consumable goods, for these are of no use inside the box. Quite right. It is not consumable goods, but more 'capital' goods—more of the above-mentioned factors of production—that are to be produced. In other words, we are to stop up the outlet in order to increase the size of the box. And what then? Well, we go on to the next stage of making use of the increased productive power of the box to draw out of it—a larger supply of consumable goods? By no means, but to increase still more the size and power of the box. And so ad infinitum. Thus according to the current economic principle do we become 'prosperous'. It is upon this principle that the financial system bases its policy. It will create and issue money to be used for enlarging the box, but not for buying goods out of the box."

Making a Little Money

IN THE senatorial investigation of air mail contracts recently Charles W. Deeds, 31 years old, told how he "invested" \$40 in airplane stock in 1926, and how it was worth more than five million a few years later. Another investor, Fred B. Rentschler, put in \$253, and his paper profit in 1929 was \$35,575,848. Rentschler received \$1,585,514 from the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation in six years, during which period the government paid a single sub-

sidary of that corporation a sum of \$40,174,412. The profits made by Deeds represent a net gain of 140,615 percent. Rentschler sold enough stock to net him \$9,414,869 and still leave him nearly \$8,000,000. Some inconsiderate persons might charge these men with making easy money at the expense of the people of the United States.

New Orleans' New Airport

AIR passengers from all directions, arriving at New Orleans, will land in a park of all but Edenic beauty, when trees now planted shall have reached maturity. Thousands of trees, comprising oaks, palms, cedars, junipers and Louisiana red-bud trees, will combine to make the Shushan Airport, the four-million-dollar state-owned terminal on Lake Pontchartrain, one of the most beautiful spots in the world. The port has concrete runways 4,800 feet long, illuminated by lights having a combined candlepower of more than 20,000,000, an administration building with modern and luxurious hotel accommodations, hangars whose main sections are 100 by 200 feet, sufficiently large to accommodate the largest planes that are likely to be built for some time to come.

The Largest Shipment of Gold

THE largest shipment of gold that has ever come to the United States arrived on February 15, at which time \$45,000,000 worth of the yellow metal came from England and France via the French liner Paris. Gold is still esteemed of more value than human happiness, and while millions of people live in want and misery the "great men" of the earth entertain themselves in moving gold from one place to another. The time is near when, as Jehovah's Word assures us, a man shall be more precious than fine gold.—Isaiah 13:12.

Pan-American Highway Nearing Completion

THE highway from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico City will be open for comfortable travel next October. A fifteen-car procession from Mexico, D. F., to Washington will mark the completion of the road. It is hoped that the motorcade, carrying prominent officials from Mexico to Washington, will be able to reach Washington on Columbus Day. The work on the main highway and its subsidiaries will furnish steady employment for 15,000 men.

The Delicate Balance of Life

(By Waldemar Kaempffert, in the *New York Times*)

FOR some reason a paragraph or two about ozone in the report that Dr. C. G. Abbott prepares annually of the Smithsonian Institution's scientific activities received far more prominence last week than it deserved as a piece of news. About us lies an atmosphere in which a little ozone is distributed—so little that if compressed, presumably to the point where it is about to become liquid, it would make a layer but one-eighth of an inch thick. "Were this trifling quantity of atmospheric ozone removed we should all perish," Dr. Abbott remarked. "If it were ten times greater we could not live. Rickets would prevail universally. Why? Because the layer would cut off the sun's beneficent ultra-violet rays. It is astonishing and even terrifying to contemplate the narrow margin of safety on which our lives thus depend."

We can take nearly every constituent of the atmosphere and reach similar conclusions. Life and water are synonymous. Aridity spells death. Three-fourths of a man is water. Take the aqueous vapor out of the atmosphere as rapidly as it is formed, and the oceans of the earth would dry out.

Carbon dioxide, the stuff of which all vegetation is made, is likewise held in the atmosphere. Remove it and there would be no trees and grass, and consequently no higher animal life. The same can be said of the oxygen we breathe and of the nitrogen by which it is diluted, so that we may not be consumed by a process of flameless combustion, and of the comparatively rare gas hydrogen. Life depends not only on an atmosphere, but on a very complex atmosphere of the right chemical composition and physical state.

But if we want to have it driven home even more forcibly how delicately balanced is the atmosphere, we have but to turn to the work that Dr. J. Willard Hershey has been doing in McPherson College, Kansas. He proved that such small animals as rats, pigeons, cats, guinea pigs and monkeys die in two to five days when kept in pure oxygen. More startling is his discovery that even the rare gases argon, helium, neon and krypton, comprising less than one percent of the air, are essential to the maintenance of life.

Dr. Hershey tried a mixture of nitrogen (79 percent) and oxygen (21 percent) on his ani-

mals. Except for the absence of the rare gases mentioned it was much like the air we breathe. In ten experiments the test animals all died. Other experiments with helium and oxygen proved how important were the exceedingly rare gases. An atmosphere composed of 0.03 percent carbon dioxide (the amount present in air) and 99.7 percent oxygen is fatal.

So, as in air, there are other gases as rare and as important as ozone in the maintenance of life.

Stone Age Smarter than Brain Age

REPUTED scientists are very clever in telling us exactly how old the human race is. Their conclusions seldom vary more than a few millions of years. Recently, however, their calculations were somewhat upset. They found a genuine "stone age" lady, or her skeleton, and, lo and behold, her brain capacity was larger than that of modern ladies. Now, how old is the human race, anyway? These disturbing discoveries may lead scientists to accept the Bible's assurance that the human race is not nearly as old, nor as smart, as it thinks.

The Speed of Sound

SOUND travels at the rate of 1,087.13 feet a second, as determined by experiments made with microphones set up along a four-mile course. A gun was connected to one of the microphones and fired. As the other microphones caught the sound that fact was registered on a film. The film record can be remeasured to within a thousandth of a second.

Rose Preserved in Cement Block

WHEN concrete from an old building was being broken up, at Hutchinson, Kans., recently, a rosebud was brought to light which was in a perfect state of preservation. It had been encased in the concrete for eighteen years, but still had its original color and even a faint fragrance.

Cold Weather Raises Bridge

A TEMPERATURE of sixteen below zero caused the contraction of the cables of the Mount Hope bridge, between Bristol and Portsmouth, R. I., lifting the 1200-foot center span 21 inches. The center span of the George Washington bridge, New York, was lifted three feet above normal.

Governmental Problems

Loss of Confidence

By Lewis O'Donnell (Texas)

SINCE the "greatest debauch the world has ever known, the so-called 'World War', when twenty millions were killed, wounded and maimed, the savings of four centuries blown up in powder and smoke" the International Business Machine, of finance, religion and politics, has operated, unchecked, in all civilized nations and in semicivilized and barbarous countries.

The result is that the masses of the people of the civilized countries have lost faith in business men, in newspapers, in public officials, in the agencies that "uplift" the people and that are supposed to guide them in politics, religion and finance, until the people themselves have lost confidence in one another. They trust nobody. They think they have been duped and tricked in their investments. The taxation methods of every country have been proved to be unfair, favoring the few at the expense of the many. Our natural heritage, the resources of the land, have been exploited for the benefit of the few, and our cities have been made the 'happy hunting ground' for the public utilities, collecting exorbitant rates for the inside coterie holding their stocks and bonds, and never for the benefit of the cottage owner or tenant and citizens generally. The people believe they are the victims of a world-wide system that leaves them unemployed and without means to make a livelihood.

Undoubtedly the practice of usury and extortion, in many forms and guises, preached against by all the Scriptural prophets, forbidden by secular laws of many countries, but that is little mentioned by the newspapers and public men, is responsible for the present world-wide conditions; breeding revolution in many countries, and the most intense dissatisfaction with their own government that has ever been exhibited by citizens of the United States.

Tax-Exempt Securities

THE following comment in the Mt. Vernon *Daily Herald* is significant: "Once more the perennial battle in Congress to do away with tax-exempt securities is lost. This time the president personally interfered, asking Congress to not consider such legislation because such a move might jeopardize the treasury's finance program. In short, big financial interests have notified the government that they will

not buy government bonds or securities unless they are tax-exempt. Always the threat of refusal to loan looms in the picture; and borrowers, like beggars, cannot choose. Today there are some \$22,000,000,000 worth of tax-exempt securities in this country, which do not pay one cent in taxes to maintain government."

There you have it. Farmers are turned out of their homes and off their farms because they cannot pay taxes, while the selfish rich threaten to buck the government if it imposes a tax on the billions of hoarded wealth which they hold. The Scriptures make it clear that this consideration for the rich and oppression of the poor is one of the reasons why God will sweep all present institutions and governments into oblivion. Not one of them is worthy of continuance.

Huey Long on Common Sense

HUEY P. LONG recently said something which contains more truth than poetry. We quote: "The failure to see what actually is God's law has brought on America's whole woe. Here we have hewn a country out of a wilderness to where it is worth \$400,000,000,000 in normal times, maybe more. It took the lives and labors of hundreds of millions, dead and living, to do it. Yet these fruits and products of labor, welded by so many million hands, are owned by a mere handful of men who probably did no more to produce them than any other equal number of men. Can a country survive which permits human labor and sacrifice to be thus stolen from those entitled to share in them? I say it cannot." And so say we all.

What the Press Sees Fit to Print

DR. WILLARD G. BLEYER, of the University of Wisconsin, at the recent convention of the American Association of Schools of Journalism, said:

"1. Newspapers are tending toward greater and greater degrees of monopolies.

"2. Newspapers may continue to have freedom, but readers and advertisers have little freedom in the choice of a local daily.

"3. In the monopolistic character of present-day newspaper publishing lies great danger to the formation of sound public opinion.

"It lies within the power of any local daily to color or suppress news or to print publicity of propaganda, thereby endangering public opinion."

More Stars in Henry's Crown

By Sydney M. Crane (Indiana)

HAVING read of various selfish policies of different corporations as shown toward their employees, I wish to add just one more to that long list. I have been employed at the Ford Assembly Plant at Chicago for six years and five months steadily. The employees who drive to work are obliged to park their cars in a space provided for that purpose. On May 21 last, as we left the plant for home we were greeted at the parking place by part of the office force taking down the make of the car, license number, and badge number. Of course, whoever was lucky enough to be driving a model T or A passed out without any questioning.

The following 28th of May the men who were so unlucky as to be caught with some make of car other than a Ford (with the exception of the bosses) were discharged, and they were given a chance to buy a model A.

As for me, I was finally given the air after two days' deliberation, during which time I was trying to reason with them. I explained that I would get rid of my Dodge and buy a model A. I am also paying for a home; and I have a wife and four small children, all of which I have taken unto myself since going to work for Ford. My case was taken to the manager, together with details. So I, the same as hundreds of others, am looking for a chance to sell the only thing I have, that is, my labor.

This selfish deal is not the first that has occurred. Another one took place when the model T sales declined. Just before that model was abandoned, the order was given to keep all makes of cars out of our parking space except Ford products. This lasted nearly a year.

With the Ford Motor Co., it is abuse upon injury continually. They do not respect even the state law, unless it is in their favor; to wit, they do not pay the men when they run out of material or when machinery breaks down or when some other department is unable to furnish their output in sufficient quantities. They merely knock the men off on their own time, and at the same time keep the doors locked so that the men cannot get out, thereby taking as much as fourteen hours of time paid for as eight.

I have desired for the last three years to write part of this outrage; and when this last order came, it was the straw that broke the camel's back. So here it is. *The Golden Age* may print

this or any part thereof. I remain a friend and reader of the best magazine on earth.

Ability to Shoot Well

IN *The American Rifleman* Captain Walter C. Mayer, firearms instructor for the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, New York city, gives details of the shooting gallery which is fitted up for the employees in the stationery storeroom. Of the nineteen kinds of targets shown, nine are of human form. All clerks and officers are supposed to practice until they can shoot to kill. Captain Mayer gives some details:

The ability on the part of any bank staff to shoot well will discourage robbery attempts; it should reduce insurance rates; it will create confidence on the part of the customers; and it will benefit the shooter as well as the employer. It is a valuable asset which no bank can disregard.

A well-trained staff has confidence in its ability to protect itself and to discourage banditry. It is the duty of every bank employee to learn *how* to use the firearms with which he is equipped—not only a duty which he owes his employer, but one which he owes his family and himself as well. A person may carry or possess a firearm for years without knowledge of how to use it, and never have any trouble; but when "old man trouble" does come, that person will either freeze in his tracks and be shot down, draw his firearm and shoot some innocent bystander, or scatter his shots all over creation and never hit "Mister Bandit".

The old phrase, "You can't tell what you will do in a pinch," is incorrect. One man who is thoroughly familiar with firearms is equal to four or five who are not. The trained man *knows* that as the average man uses a gun it is rarely effective even at point-blank range, for the simple reason that if the gun is pointed directly at another's chest at a distance of 10 feet, and the muzzle wavered $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch when the trigger is pulled, there will be a miss—and a miss in an emergency means either a harp or a shovel. Contrary to popular belief, few gunmen can shoot straight, due to the sudden yank they give when pulling the trigger. It is a well-known fact that fully 90 percent of the people shot by bandits have powder burns on their bodies, which indicates that the gun was held practically against the body.

The firearms usually carried by bandits are not of the best. Many are of cheap foreign make that have been smuggled into this country. Due to the fact that permits for firearms are so difficult to obtain, the crooks get what they can. Their firearms are neither well made nor well balanced. This, no doubt, accounts for the poor marksmanship of the average criminal.

Hard Lessons in Common Sense

Not Even Original

THE Rev. Dr. John Wesley Hill, chancellor of Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, Tenn., in a speech at the Kiwanis Club, St. Louis, Mo., is alleged to have said: "And if I had my way, that government would load all radicals advocating such changes on a ship of stone, with sails of lead and the wrath of God as a gale, and with Hell as its nearest port."

It is too bad that these would-be clerical murderers cannot even be original. If we recall correctly, these are the words that were used by Rev. Hillis, of Brooklyn, some time in the manufactured red scare in the fall of 1919. Readers who care to take the time will find the identical words in a copy of *The Golden Age* some twelve years back.

At that time Mitchell Palmer had hopes of riding into the presidential chair on the wave of a red scare which existed only in his own head. He used the government to help put it across, but even with government backing the scare was a rank failure and was finally given up.

The government loaded up a ship with people it did not like, and that were not liked by some of our prominent 100%-profit Americans of the time, and timidly steered it across the ocean to Russia. Rev. Hillis, out of the greatness of his soul, composed the blessing outlined above.

If Rev. Dr. John Wesley Hill seeks to convince us that he is a great man because of the strength of his similes and metaphors, we are unconvinced; but if he wishes us to think that he and Hillis are as alike as two not very good-looking horses' tails, then we have all the evidence we need.

A Resurrection in Virginia

W. L. SCOTT, of Virginia, says: "My work is that of selling undertakers' supplies, and I often come in contact with the dead, and attend many funerals. Not many months ago, a certain Virginia undertaker was called upon early one Sunday morning, by the chief of police of his city, to come to a home to make arrangements for the burying of the head of a certain family.

"On arriving at the home, the undertaker noted a great odor that burst out of the door as it was opened. The undertaker inquired of the person who opened the door, what was the odor; and here is the reply the undertaker got: 'Come

right on in, Mr. ———; sit right down here and let me tell you the whole story. My husband died five days ago, which was on Tuesday morning, and the reason I haven't sent for you before is that my husband was a Christian Scientist, as well as all of us, and our friends have been coming here every night, telling us not to bury him, that they were going to raise him from the dead. In the meantime the body began to smell, and the good lady next door told the chief of police. And that is why the chief of police sent for you.' The poor woman was in great distress as the scene went on, more so than any other person he ever knew, so the undertaker informed me. Surely the missionaries should come home, and begin here right at their doors, and among themselves as well as among the other people."

Why Reverend Whelpley Erred

THE Reverend Thomas H. Whelpley, pastor of the Chelsea Presbyterian church, New York city, was formerly from Nova Scotia. The Canadian papers are taking note of the fact that he recently said in New York that the Old Testament is filled with difficulties and even absurdities and that he is convinced it is the source of most of our spiritual disasters; also that even the hero stories have a tendency to make heathens of our children. When Jesus asked the question, "Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures?" (Mark 12:24) He meant the "Old Testament" scriptures, which Reverend Whelpley despises; but then it should be remembered that Jesus was a true and humble child of God, and Whelpley is a clergyman.

Presbyterian Missions

THE Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions is in a bad way. The fall in the value of the dollar has involved it in a loss of about \$100,000, affecting the activities of its missions in heathen countries to that extent. If the Presbyterians are still bringing the heathen the bad news of great misery that the majority of the human race, including all their ancestors, are predestined to spend infinite years in conscious torment, then this setback of the missionary activities is that much of a blessing to the heathen. We presume Presbyterians still cleave to this "doctrine of devils", as they have never officially repudiated it.

The Truth Makes Free

JUDGE RUTHERFORD has stated more than once that the teaching of the churches has turned many people away from God. Here is a letter from one who was offended by the preachments of religious leaders and who now has found the truth.

Judge Rutherford,

DEAR SIR:

I am penning you a few lines to express my opinion and sentiments on your writings. They are the only common-sense books I ever read. In my opinion you fear nothing but God your Maker, and He takes care of you. If not, they would bump you off. As for me, I never belonged to anything. My people were mostly what they called "Free Baptists". Now, I never could see anything free but the air we breathe. As to the clergy of any kind, I never had any use for them. I could see there was something wrong, and because I never would go and listen to these hypocrites I was considered a bad boy. Those old church grannies said I would be hung before I was 30. I will be 68 in coming May, and I have lived a rough-and-tumble life. To tell the truth, I did not care much nor think about God, man or devil. I just looked on religion as a fraud and the system of the way things are run as just a graft, and the preachers as the worst of all. A friend lent me some of your books. Well, I said, here is the only thing that ever looked right. So I sent and got all your books up to that time, and a Bible. But what gets me is some of my relations back east, who have always read the Bible and belong to any church and listen to a preacher of any kind. The Bible tells what they always were and are: blind leading the blind.

I admire your courage, and God grant you more power to enlighten the people. As for me, I lose my patience with most people. They don't want truth; nothing but nonsense. . . . But the God whom you serve will look after your safety as He did Daniel in the lions' den, and He will not let the wolves destroy you.

With sincerity, I am

N. C., *British Columbia.*

New Ways to Get Money

THE United Church of Canada has found two new ways to get money, or at least to ask for it, and it is no mean achievement, in these days, after all that has been done in that line, for a church to be able to think of a new way to ask for money.

The United Church of Canada is a union of Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational churches. It maintains all the usual departments of home and foreign missions, education

and pensions, and now announces an annuity plan whereby, in consideration of a gift of suitable proportions, it will return the giver an income from the amount, on condition that at his death the gift becomes the property of the church. Looks like a good scheme.

Who, having a pile of ducats which he knows not how to invest safely (and what investment is safe in these days?), and who fears the climatic conditions in the world to come will be not all that could be desired, would not willingly turn over his roll to a bunch of dominies who need it, thereby assuring himself of plenty for the life that now is, and an eternal interest in a frigidaire in the life that is to come?

The other scheme is not so pretentious, and yet it may bring in more coin of the realm. It does not go after the whole pile, but merely after the loose change. The idea is that every member of the family, when he gets a spare nickel, shall put it in a little pasteboard bank, to be turned over to the dominie once in so often. The cost of the pasteboard banks is 60c a dozen, but the gracious provision is made that the cost may be deducted from the contents of the boxes when opened. In other words, by the second scheme you also get some of your money back. Clever idea. An idea still more clever is not to give them any of it at all.

The Smothering of Presbyterianism

REV. H. McALLISTER GRIFFITHS, editor of *Christianity Today*, in a sermon in Philadelphia, in February, urged 1,300 Modernist ministers of the Presbyterian church to quit the ministry. He affirmed that the only peace the Presbyterian church now has with these preachers in their midst is "the peace of a church that is dying without a struggle", and that "if the process should continue unchecked, fifteen years more will see historic Presbyterianism regarded as a quaint relic in the then so-called 'Presbyterian Church'."

We comfort Mr. Griffiths by expressing our conviction that in fifteen years from now every variety of Presbyterianism and all the other isms will have completely ceased. God's kingdom is at hand; it is functioning in the earth; the old world is passing away, and groaning as it passes. And everybody, including Mr. Griffiths, will be glad when it is gone. Nobody will want to preserve any of the quaint relics of the past. Indeed, the prophet says that "they shall not be remembered nor come into mind".

Miscellany and Smiles for Catholic Readers

Wakulla Spring, Georgia

By S. W. Williams (Alabama)

I WISH all your readers could see Wakulla spring, this mammoth work of God, for no pen picture can fully portray its grandeur and beauty. Your scribe recently made a visit to this marvel of nature which bubbles up not far from the south Georgia line.

One pays 25c and rides out in a glass-bottomed boat over crystal-clear waters gushing up from 186 feet below. *The Golden Age* says one can see a penny lying on the bottom; let me tell you, as an eye witness, that objects of less size may be seen at the full depth. The water is so clear that it does not appear to be over 50 feet deep.

One of the attractions of Wakulla spring is the schools of flying fish. The fish seem to be about the size of a man's arm. They can jump about six feet clear of the water and go back into it several yards from their starting point, and they do this constantly.

There are many kinds of fish in the big spring. They travel in schools, every kind in its own school. The various schools were not friendly, mingling together as we would have expected them to do. They seemed to be as selfish as the religious denominations of today.

I wish you could all have been down with me in the deep, tangled wildwood of Florida, where a full-grown river is made by this single spring. It is a regular picnic to watch the flying fish play leapfrog.

The Fountain of Youth

By E. J. Bullock (Florida)

I BELIEVE that pure water is a great factor in building up and preserving the health. In these days of trainloads of soft drinks, teas and coffees, and hooch, the good old God-given spring on the hillside, bubbling up through the rocks and purified through nature's process, has been sadly neglected.

We have free stone springs, lithia, iron, sulphur and other mineral springs furnishing us with drink that is far better than any beverage brought forth by mere man.

I recall that several years ago I was much under weight and received a sample of medicine, along with which were the following instructions: "Banish care as you would a serpent, and drink lots of water." I did so and gained twelve pounds in two weeks. I often wonder if 'banishing care and drinking lots of water' hadn't more

to do with the gain in weight than the sample of medicine.

When arising in the morning is the time we least care to drink water; and that is the time we need it most—the interior bath—and if we drink two full glasses of water on arising we do not so much feel the need of other beverage. Many people go days without a glass of water because, through habit, their requirements for drink are supplied through tea, coffee, etc. We can develop a water habit.

There's frost in the meadow;
There's song in the air,
For the birds are holding
A jubilee there.
There's a song in the valley,
And if you will look,
The songster, you'll find,
Is the babbling brook.

It has babbled along
For ages untold.
Its wealth is far greater
Than silver or gold.
Its source is just yonder.
God taught it to sing.
Let's take the old bucket
And go to the spring.

In Case Chris Should Slip

TO ALL who dig up \$1 or more, the Salvatorian Seminary, Society of the Divine Savior, Saint Nazianz, Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, P. O. Box B, offers a choice of four medals, one of which we notice is called the St. Christopher Medal.

It says about this Christopher medal: "St. Christopher is the acknowledged and special patron of travelers. He is invoked against accidents, storms and sudden death, and in this day of automobiles such protection is all the more necessary. The pious wearing of this medal is a constant invocation, as it were, for his protection."

Now doesn't that look like a good accident policy? It surely does. One side of the medal shows "St. Christopher" being steered around by a baby Jesus, seemingly astride his neck. So far, so good. But we turn the medal over, and on its back it says, "I am a Catholic. In case of an accident kindly notify a priest."

What is wrong with that? Nothing, only—Only what? Only that this method of insuring against accident, with provisions of what to do in case the policy doesn't work, makes us think of the church member who knew he was going to die. He asked that they put in his coffin his nicely framed certificate of church membership and along with it the chemical fire-extinguisher that up till that time had always hung in the front hall. He didn't intend to take any chances. And, on the whole, you can't blame him. Send in your dollar and get a medal.

"Catholic Association Urges World Parliament"

THAT is the title of an article in *The Literary Digest*, covering almost a full page of its issue of March 17, 1934. The opening sentence is: "Something like a parliament of nations and a federation of the world is proposed by the Catholic Association for International Peace." The conclusion is: "Put it all together, and it spells brotherhood of man, an economic federation in which nations, employer and employee, capital and labor, producer and consumer, would have representation. St. Peter's is the basilica of a faith common to all countries. Perhaps the nations may erect a basilica for a common economic and social creed that will bring them a little nearer to the Kingdom of God on earth."

This proposition for a Catholic League of Nations is well timed. It is announced just at the close of the pope's "Holy Year". An intervening paragraph says: "The study, which is to be published in several languages, is the joint work of the Ethics and the Economic Relations Committees of the Association, and was under the immediate preparation of the Rt. Rev. John A. Ryan, of the Catholic University of America; Prof. Parker T. Moon, of Columbia University and the Rev. R. A. McGowan, assistant director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference."

The last named institution, maintained by the bishops of the Roman hierarchy, is the clearing house through which the efforts were made last year (and are still being made) to force Judge Rutherford off the air. As soon as a station has been coerced into breaking a contract, the N.C.W.C. fixes up a news dispatch so framed as to make it appear that it was a voluntary act, and sends it out over all the country to induce and intimidate other stations into doing the same thing.

Mass Out of Focus at Ten Meters

THE Cleveland Polish Daily *Wiadomosci Codzienne* of November 18 contains the interesting information that the mass read in the Catholic church is valuable outside of the church only over a distance of ten meters, and that is why it is no good over the radio. It seems, in an item bristling with no less than 45 z's, 34 s's and 31 w's, that the "Holy Office" has discovered that somebody is holding out on them since it became possible to get something worth

while over the radio. And so the "Holy Office" has figured it out that if a church is not crowded the mass is good merely within the walls, but if it is overcrowded it is good for 10 meters outside, and that is positively all. We looked it up; a meter is 39.37 inches, and so 10 meters come to 393.7 inches, or 32 feet 9.7 inches. In practice it works out this way: If your feet are within 32 feet 9.7 inches of the wall of the church, then you are in focus, provided there is a big crowd, and provided you keep on your feet. If you keep your feet in the same place you are out of luck if you sit down unless you turn your back to the church. If you face the other way, your feet are in the mass, but your brains and the rest of you, except your shins and knees, are out of it. A little study makes it all clear.

"For the Love of the Divine Infant"

WE HAVE in hand a circular letter, an appeal from St. Christopher's Inn, Garrison, N. Y. The inn is under the care of Fr. Anselm Francis, S.A., "spiritual director." Meals given out in 1925 were 49,969; meals given out in 1930 were 118,130. Night lodgings in 1925 were 16,636; night lodgings in 1930 were 39,399. The report shows the increasing strain being put on every part of the machine. Men's hearts are failing them for fear.

Fr. Anselm says: "I beg of you for the love of the Divine Infant to send us an offering," and terminates his letter with "Asking the Divine Babe to love you". The letterhead shows a great throng of the hungry unemployed. In a corner, with the hay all about him, is a 'Baby Jesus' in a one-piece Rubens suit. Apparently he is about a year old.

The Learys sent this to us. They say, "Please tell me, why doesn't this babe ever grow up? Will you kindly ask them? I haven't the heart to."

Well, we are "leary", too, but willing to do anything to be accommodating. That Jesus was a baby once, we admit; the Scriptures show that He grew to be a man, and is now the express image of the Father's person, the Lord of life and glory, with all power in heaven and in earth.

Wait till He takes this unemployment proposition in hand, and there will be something doing. Meantime, we are glad for all the good anybody is doing in lending a helping hand to the poor and needy.

How the Devil Mistreats His Dupes

D. S. ABERNATHY, of Washington, says, "While out witnessing today I ran across an ex-minister or ex-evangelist. He soon began to tell me that he had visions and talks with God. He was living in a little shack of a house. When I came into the yard and up to where he was I noticed that he had some bones and meat out on the walk in an old dishpan. As he owns a dog, I thought that it was dog-meat that he had in the pan, washing it off. In the course of our conversation he advised me that he did not have a cent to his name and had been destitute over a year and that all he had to eat was the scrap meat and bones from a butcher shop.

"I met another ex-minister the other day who also was 'having visions and talking with God' and giving out typewritten folders of his demon-inspired doctrines and predictions. He was also destitute and dirty and in filthy garb.

"Surely Jehovah is now allowing us to see these false prophets in destitute circumstances, hungry and almost naked, and in darkness, while His own, true to His promise, have food convenient for mind and body."

Origin of the League Idea

By A. J. West (England)

RELATIVE to Judge Rutherford's assertion that "the proof is overwhelming that the League of Nations compact originated with British officers", a speech of Mr. Lloyd George in 1930 is of interest. He said:

"It was the member who was elected in this town forty years ago who proposed the first resolution in a gathering of the principal Allied statesmen in Paris in 1919 upon which the Covenant of the League of Nations was afterwards based. The cabinet of which I was the head was the only government in the world that had, before the conference met, and even before the Armistice was signed, prepared carefully thought-out plans for putting the principle of that resolution into operation. Even during the most anxious moments of the war there were committees of that cabinet sitting to frame a scheme for setting up an association of nations for ensuring peace on earth."

Huge Sea Serpent in Northern Waters

A HUGE sea monster has been seen on several occasions in the waters of the coast of British Columbia. It is reported that fishermen have seen at least twenty-five feet of its body, and that its head, shaped somewhat like that of a horse, is as big as a beer keg. Of course, it got away. Making due allowance for the ten-

dency to exaggerate with which fishermen are said to be endowed, we still think the monster must be something out of the ordinary. Remains of such creatures have been assigned an age of several million years by scientists. The fact that some of these inhabitants of a departed world are still in existence would seem to show that scientists share the weakness which is said to be a characteristic limited to fishermen.

Glad to Be Doing Useful Work

DISPATCHES from Cleveland tell of the conversion of two more pastors; they are working with pick and shovel on the road gang of Cuyahoga county. No doubt they are both glad to at last be doing useful work in the world, and, besides that, they each get 50c an hour for 30 hours every week.

The Norris Dam

THE Norris dam, under construction in the Tennessee Valley, will rise to a height of 253 feet and require over a million cubic yards of concrete. It will result in the formation of a lake which will extend over an area of eighty-three square miles. More than four thousand men are engaged on the project.

The Business of Killing Cripples

IT IS a new industry in the United States, that of killing cripples, but it is getting under way. It is under the general guidance and direction of those who advocate a purgatory in which the fires are well stoked. If you are a cripple, and not a booster for purgatory, watch your step.

Thousands of readers of *The Golden Age* have met the intelligent, sweet-faced little hunchback, Miss Grace Black, 500 Cedar Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. She has made her last witness in the flesh.

She went as she would have wished to go, arrested on a false charge, "guilty" only of obeying the Lord's command, and following His example of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom from door to door, in Millvale, Pa.

Brought before Burgess Pfischner, with 52 others of Jehovah's witnesses, she, in common with the others, was discharged, not having committed any offense. The shock of the arrest and discharge was too much for her weak heart. The priest who caused it may have all the glory. More about Millvale on next two pages.

Jehovah's witnesses 'Standing for Their Lives'

(A personal letter from Pittsburgh to a New York correspondent)

Dear A——,—

Thought perhaps you would be interested in our last Saturday's experience with the transcription machines [employed to reproduce Judge Rutherford's Bible discourses in lecture halls—*Ed.*], as it was amusing to see how hard the Devil is trying to stop the work.

In giving out the fliers announcing the last meeting of the series in Millvale on "Can the World Be Recovered?" one sister was stopped, just as she had about finished, by the chief of police of that town and told that there was no need for her to give out any more fliers, as there was not going to be a meeting, that he was going to stop it, and he wanted her to tell those in charge to come and see him about it, as he understood at the last meeting we insulted two of their priests. The chief of police is also Catholic. Of course, no attention was paid to his remarks or his request, but everything was arranged for the meeting as usual, the meeting being scheduled for Saturday evening.

Saturday afternoon, about one o'clock, the man who rented the hall to Stewart called him and asked him not to have the meeting, as he heard there was going to be trouble. Stewart came over to the auditorium, and we decided to call the owner and see what he meant by 'trouble'; and he again begged Stewart not to have the meeting, and tried every excuse possible, saying that the meeting was misrepresented, etc., and finally said that the Catholics were going to send 500 or 600 around to cause a riot. Not getting anywhere over the phone, he asked us to come out when he would be at home (he being the bank cashier of the town) and he could talk further.

In view of his telling us that they were going to cause a riot, and of what the chief of police said, we thought it might be well to have the state police on hand; so Pyle, Stewart and I started out to find the state police. But they said that they could not help us at this time, and suggested seeing the sheriff for help. On the way back we decided to tell the Millvale chief that we expected this protection; but he said that he would not do this, and that he was going to stop the meeting himself. So we left for the sheriff's office, and, it being late, found that he was gone for the day. Knowing his brother very well, I called him, and he told me that the sheriff was out of town and would not be back

until Monday, but told me whom to get in touch with, a deputy, and I finally found the proper deputy, who said that if there was going to be trouble he would send a machine-load of deputies around, at 7:30 p.m. In the meantime we had a large number of the friends on the phone and advised them to be around at the meeting.

We later went to see the owner of the building, and he again stated the facts, stating that 62 percent of the people of that town were Catholics and they had asked him to stop the meeting. Being the cashier of the bank, he was afraid that if we went ahead with the meeting he would lose his job. When told that we were going ahead with the meeting, he showed us the door and told us to get out, and, as we were leaving, told us to "go to ———".

Well, we went back and waited for 7:30, when the deputies would arrive. Some of the friends arrived about 7:15 and found two Millvale policemen at the door, who would not let them in, saying that the meeting was off. We already had the transcription machine and record in the building and were all set for the meeting. By 7:30 a fairly large crowd had gathered out in front of the building, and promptly on time the deputies arrived. They inquired what the trouble was, and were informed by the Millvale police that they were instructed by the chief to close the place. However, the deputies insisted on their opening the doors and letting the people in, which they did. The chief soon came around and wanted to know how the people got in, and the police pointed to the sheriff's car with seven deputies; and the chief immediately changed his ideas.

The building holds about 100 to 125 seats, and, in the six meetings preceding, the largest attendance, including friends, was about 40, with 15 or 20 strangers. This evening we had about 50 of the friends there, a few strangers came in, and about ten minutes to eight a body of men and boys marched down from the Irish Catholic church, where they had a meeting, with instructions what to do. There were about 50 in this group, and in about five minutes more over 150 more marched down from the German Catholic church just around the corner. This more than filled the hall, with all standing room taken and the two anterooms filled, and then others kept coming until the crowd filled all the way down the steps. The deputies did not attempt to give

any instructions; were just waiting for any trouble that might be started; and the chief sent his two men up into the hall to see that there was no trouble.

Everything went O.K. for the first few minutes, and when Judge Rutherford first mentioned that the Catholic church was of the Devil, some one of the crowd started to give a soft laugh, and this laugh passed from one to the other for a few seconds and then stopped. When the same subject was mentioned again the same thing started, and then Jehovah used one of their own crowd to help the meeting on, as it would have been useless for any of our crowd to say anything, with the determination and instructions they had to break up the meeting. The leader of one of the crowds rose to his feet at this point and asked all to be gentlemen and hear what was said before they judged, and all obeyed and were very quiet throughout the rest of the lecture. Just at the time when this second laugh and speech by their leader was on, one of the brethren running the transcription machine got his foot mixed up with the electric cord and it was pulled out of the socket. While this small interruption was on the lecture was off, but when the lecture started the people were all quiet.

The net result was that, instead of 15 or 20 listening to the lecture, close to 300 listened very closely, standing on every foot of space, and hearing just what the priest did not want them to hear. After the meeting was over, the leader of one of the crowds started to argue with the chairman of the meeting, and became loud at times, which brought some of the men back; and, seeing that he had an audience, he became louder in his talk and denied what was said by Judge Rutherford, and he was soon assisted by another leader; but before he could say much the Millvale police insisted on their clearing out of the building.

In talking with many of the Catholics gathered around the building and not being able to get in, and also with the chief of police himself, they stated that the whole thing had been greatly misrepresented, and that from what they could see we were being greatly discriminated against and they did not believe the lies that were told. Several Catholics who could not hear asked if we could not bring the lecture to their home sometime, so that they could listen to this lecture.

Throughout it all we can see the leading of

Jehovah with His people, and can see the desperate fight the Devil is putting forth, although he sure is leading a losing battle.

Just recently one of our newly interested Catholic boys, 22 years of age, was beaten with a whip by his mother and thrown out of his house because he insisted on going out in the witness work. This boy is very active in the work, even with the great handicap of being almost blind. At his work he talks with everyone, having three other Catholic boys going out in the witness work with him, and now has a Jew interested who has started out in the witness work the last two Sundays.

This was written with interruptions. Thought when I started this that I would have time to write it, but soon found that there were many other things to do. Thought, however, that you would be interested in the Devil's attacks.

Yours in Jehovah's service,
G. W.

Racketeering in Its Most Despicable Form

ONE of the elementary principles of Christianity is sympathy for those that are in sorrow over the loss of their loved ones. The reason why Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus was that He sympathized with Mary and Martha and with all who were passing through like afflictions.

The heavenly Father has the same sympathetic heart. "In all their affliction he was afflicted" is a statement that touches every human heart. His Word counsels to "weep with them that weep" and to "comfort all that mourn".

With this little introduction we present to the attention of our readers an illustration of the most devilish, callous heartlessness of which the mind can conceive. It is from a personal letter to Judge Rutherford. Plumb, if you can, the depths of meanness and cruelty of the diabolical system responsible, and ponder that it is this same system that demands that Judge Rutherford be put off the air so that matters of this kind may become everyday affairs in this country and nobody may dare to say a word in protest. Indeed, they are everyday matters now. Here is the letter:

I am a reader of all your writings and believe in your explanation of the Bible and its truths, so with that in mind here is one truth I want you to have. No doubt you will be able to use it to good advantage in telling the people of the injustice in the Catholic

church, Erie, Pa. I refer to St. Stanislaw Church, corner 13th and Wallace streets.

I had a sister die on January 29, 1934, and, as you know, it is customary to go to the priest and arrange for mass on the day of burial. The wish of the family was to have the funeral on Friday, February 2, but the parish priest said No, that it had to be on Thursday, February 1, but before he would have the funeral, or even give a date, they would have to pay for the pew rent and a building fund, and \$35 to \$65 for mass, and it would all have to be paid in advance—which the poor family could not pay, as they were hit with the hard times like many others. The total he had charged against them was around \$200, to cover all.

The family would not agree to pay it, and so the funeral was not held in any church, as no priest will buck another priest. They talk about shotgun men, but this method of robbing the dead and the sorrowing ones that remain behind makes the man with the gun a king compared to the priest.

The history of our family in that church is that my father belonged 48 years and was fully paid up. The sister that died belonged since she was married, for over 28 years, and was fully paid in pew rent for all except two years, and then they paid each Sunday, as they charged 10c a pew. The last building charge they did not pay, for they did not pledge themselves.

After they turned her husband and children down, my father, fully paid up, went to see what he could do, and the priest that caused all the trouble, Ignasiak, closed the door in his face and would not give him a civil answer; so they held the funeral at the home on Friday, the 2d, and not in the church. The woman who died was Rose Koprowski, 714 East 12th street; the family is well known in Erie. The reason I did not write you sooner is that I wanted to get all the facts. I was not able to attend the funeral myself, on account of sickness in my own home.

My interest in writing this letter is not for what happened to our family, but for the good that might come to others that are in the same circumstances. With best wishes, and may you keep up the good work, I subscribe myself

Your true friend.

An item that was brought up again and again at the hearings on the McFadden bill at Washington is that Jehovah's witnesses give offense to those of other faiths. Suppose they do; Jesus himself gave offense. His strictures against the religionists of His day, recorded in Matthew 23: 1-33, are incapable of being expressed without giving offense to those that are in the wrong.

THIS issue of THE GOLDEN AGE you will be glad to give to all your friends, your neighbors, and your relatives. Why? Because it contains Judge Rutherford's lecture "WORLD CONTROL", delivered at the Shrine Auditorium, March 25, over a network of 150 radio stations. We cannot express in words how fine and heart-cheering this lecture is. All we can say is, it is in this magazine. Read it.

Additionally, in this exceptionally fine issue will be found a résumé of the hearing before the Radio Committee of the House of Representatives on the McFadden Bill. You will be especially interested in the testimony which Judge Rutherford furnished the Committee. This will be of interest to every signer of the Petition, as well as to all people of good will.

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Thirty-five Centuries of Free Speech

NO OTHER liberty is so fundamental or so essential to human happiness, progress and prosperity as the liberty to express freely one's honest convictions and to convey to others such information as may be of benefit to them. There is only one class that could object to the freedom of expression and the free use of the means of communication by those who have a message for the people. It is the class whose works are unrighteous and who therefore find it necessary to lay their plans and find their security in darkness. Anything that would tend to throw light upon their activities or call in question the justice or fairness of their course would be most unwelcome. They will not bring their deeds to the light, because their deeds are evil. More than that, they will not tolerate others to enlighten the people and to give them the truth, because their own works would in contrast be seen in their true light and they would therefore be condemned, and properly so. Hence the workers of iniquity have been and are willing to resort to violence and crime to evade detection.

Honest men have at all times brought their works to the light. They have had nothing to hide from others. They could afford to be open and aboveboard. Not only so, but they have let their light shine, and this has reproved, directly or indirectly, those whose works were evil. In heathen countries whose peoples knew not God there have been sincere and honest souls who have fearlessly sponsored the right and opposed the wickedness of selfish men who enriched themselves at the expense of the public good. In the record of the Bible we find men who not merely were impelled by a sense of duty, but were guided by divine instruction, in their denunciation of transgressors. They delivered a divine message, and no amount of opposition or attempted interference prevented them from carrying out their God-given mission.

The prophets of Israel were notable for their fearless declaration of the laws of God and their defense of the rights of the people. No doubt attempts were made to silence them, and a number of cases are on record where the prophet suffered much for his faithfulness in doing as commanded. Whether the privilege of free speech was granted them or not, they delivered their messages. Moses stands out as a notable example of one who braved the ire of a powerful ruler in delivering a message from God which was undoubtedly most unwelcome. Moses was, first of all, the servant and representative of God. He was, further, the champion of the liberties of the people of Israel. "Let my people go," was the message which Moses conveyed to the king. Subsequent messages impressed upon Pharaoh the importance of giving heed to Moses. Pharaoh had not yet conceived the idea of censorship; for Moses seems to have enjoyed the privilege of free speech, even though his message was an unwelcome one. Free use was made of whatever opportunities presented themselves to get the ear of the proud oppressor. The time may have been inconvenient to Pharaoh, but it was convenient to Moses. When Pharaoh came out to have a dip in the river, Moses told him that the Lord Jehovah had something to say to him, and then proceeded to drive home his message by turning the water into blood. Moses got his message across, and only after the ninth plague did Pharaoh become reckless and put the gag on Moses. He told him not to see him again, on pain of death; but Moses had accomplished God's purpose and delivered his message. Pharaoh had to send for him finally and acknowledge defeat.

Another occasion on which the right to free speech was exercised to accomplish God's purpose was when King David had transgressed the law which God had given to Israel. Though he was king he had been carried away by the

beauty of Bathsheba, and in order to get out of the resulting predicament he had contrived to so arrange matters that her husband was slain in battle. Nathan the prophet boldly called the king's attention to the fact that his sin was not hid from Jehovah. David was sincerely repentant, but, though he did escape the extreme penalty of the law, he could not go unpunished, and he accepted the death of Bathsheba's child as just recompense for his sin. The king, so far from resenting the boldness of Nathan, humbly confessed his sin, and was reinstated in divine favor. He did not despise or resent the chastening and correction of the Lord.

Another example of the use of free speech is that of Elijah. He opposed the idol-worship prevalent in Israel in the days of Ahab and Jezebel. He kept after King Ahab and, at the command of the Lord, took him to task for his wickedness. When the king had conveniently disposed of Naboth and taken possession of his vineyard, Elijah was on the job and gave the king a message that put a definite end to his unholy joy at having obtained the vineyard. When after the three years of drought Elijah presented himself to Ahab, the king said to him, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Elijah boldly replied, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord." And then he challenged the king to have it out, saying, 'Get the prophets of Baal together, and let them offer a sacrifice, and I will do the same, and we will see who is worshiping the true God.' The result of the contest demonstrated clearly that Elijah was serving Jehovah, the true God, while his opponents, though hypocritically claiming to serve the Lord, were really serving the Devil.

But the greatest example of boldness and freedom of utterance was that of our Lord Jesus Christ. The scribes (clergy) and Pharisees and the whole priestly tribe, then as now, were opposed to the truth of God, and did not stop at any means to discredit and besmirch the Son of God and misrepresent His message. Jesus did not revile again, but the time came when in defense of the truth He exposed the whole impious crowd, and He did it so thoroughly that they determined to "get him" at all costs. So they gathered their henchmen, bribed Judas, enlisted the aid of the government, suborned false witnesses and obtained the cooperation of a disolute and unscrupulous mob to accomplish

their purpose. Jesus was "arrested" and brought to trial, accused of "sedition", a favorite charge with those who are of Satan's world and not of God. Jesus might have saved himself had He not openly and freely confessed the truth before Pilate. He had come to bear witness to the truth, and He made no effort to evade the inevitable consequences of His faithful acknowledgment of the fact that He was what He was, a king.

Jesus told His followers that they would receive the same treatment He had received; and so it is. He was the faithful and true witness, and His followers must likewise be truly and faithfully Jehovah's witnesses. They have His example and that of the prophets, and willingly endure the opposition they have to contend with. The clergy and the principal ones of their flocks, corresponding to the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day, have put every possible obstacle in the way of a proclamation of the message of Jehovah's witnesses. Time and again they are denied halls in which to hold meetings; newspapers refuse to carry their advertisements; officers of the law arrest them for "putting out handbills" or for calling on the people at their homes; radio stations are coerced into denying them time on the air, though they are willing to pay the proper rates. It will be seen that in this way every avenue of publicity would be closed to the proclamation of the truth and that if Jehovah's witnesses did not resist these unjust and unlawful discriminations by every means in their power they would be effectually restrained from carrying out their commission.

By Jehovah's overruling providence, however, there are still manly men who will not accede to the demands of the clergy, and the message therefore continues to go forth by radio and in various other ways, while Jehovah's witnesses submit to persecution, arrest and imprisonment when necessary to maintain their right to call on the people at their homes and bring them the message of God's kingdom by word of mouth and by means of the printed page. Though officers of the law harass them and arrest them on the pretext that they are "peddling or soliciting without a license", they go on. They know that they are bearing the truth to the people and that they have the right to do so. The fundamental law of the land provides that they shall have the liberty to serve God according to their understanding of His will, and though judges are frequently pleased to ignore this most important factor in their

work and to stigmatize it by calling it "peddling" and "bookselling" or "putting out advertisements", they know, and the judges should know, that it is none of these things, and that no license can properly be issued to grant them permission to do what God's Word commands them to do.

The foregoing examples show that the testimony and warning must be made known by all available means of publicity. They show that the ones entrusted with this work must be faithful in performing it, and that those who heed

the warning will have mercy extended to them while those who refuse to give heed will be deserving of divine disapproval and judgment. Those who resist the truth line themselves up on the Devil's side. They clearly identify themselves as those who come not to the light lest their works, which are evil, should be exposed.

Let the truth be freely spoken by word of mouth, by printed page and by radio, and let no self-appointed censors attempt to set a limit upon the proclamation of the message which Jehovah's Word has for this day.

The Inconsistencies of Science *By James S. Watson (Honolulu)*

SINCE science is so boldly accusing the Bible of all the inconsistencies of reason, what can you say of science to show its own inconsistencies?

Science claims to be so pure that its every utterance is truth even from the time it was a one-cylinder protoplasm.

Enclosed is a "scientific" article which glorifies science and craves for more glory. [We reproduce four paragraphs from the article.—*Ed.*]

Early scholars, looking for the solution of mysteries, turned nowhere but to the old Hebrew legends. Dr. Lightfoot, the vice chancellor of Cambridge University a few hundred years ago, could blandly announce that man was created at 9 a.m., October 23, 4004 B.C.

As late as 1850 a great Egyptologist changed the dates he found in his researches so that they would not conflict with the dates of Noah's Flood.

Today poor Doctor Lightfoot is remembered only as a joke and an evidence of pitiful bigotry, for today there is hardly a respectable scientist who believes that man was created at all in the sense that Doctor Lightfoot implied. Today there is hardly a scientist who takes the bigots into consideration when he works with telescope, microscope, test-tube or the geologist's hammer.

And yet we still go on ignoring the splendor of the scientific achievements; we still delay to give them lofty recognition as the chief friends of humanity.

In reality the article established the Bible truth that all men are liars, especially the scientific kind, that 'worked itself from the ocean depths millions of years ago' and now crowns itself as monarch of all it surveys. The casual reader of the gospel knows that it contains a message more noble than science has to offer.

Scientists accuse Christians of hindering science in its search for knowledge. But since science is busy patting itself on its protoplasmic head for its discoveries, let it tell how its discoveries and inventions of most cruel instruments blotted out ten million souls in the last war and crippled thirty millions.

Let it tell how it has perfected these instruments so that in the next war it will be able to blot out its tens of millions instead of mere millions. Let it tell how harmonious science is by explaining how the German science used all its science to destroy allied science, all to glorify science.

Let science tell who, during the Dark Ages, invented the scientific instruments that were used to destroy fifty million souls, while the doctors were busy prolonging the agony of the tortured.

Science has discovered some things and used its discoveries to awe mankind. They claim to help mankind; but mankind foots every bill; so the poor remain poor, and the rich, rich. All this shows that science is guilty of all the deviltries of which it accuses others. Science could have helped mankind, but it has faithfully served the god of this world. But we joyfully and hopefully trust that it will more faithfully serve earth's new King.

It is to be hoped that the editor will enlarge upon this, not by way of hating science, but to show that the kettle is just as black as the pot, and that the gander should not kick at receiving goose sauce.

The Decline of Liberty

Suppression of Free Speech in Canada

A BILL passed unanimously by the Manitoba legislature provides that the repeated publication of anything calculated to expose persons belonging to any creed to ridicule shall entitle such person to sue for damages and injunction to restrain further publication. The manifest purpose of this bill is to prevent honest criticism of the doctrines of hell-fire, purgatory, and other indefensible relics of the Dark Ages. Widely lauded as an "anti-hate" bill, it is, in reality, a *bitter hate* bill of the worst sort. Similar bills are projected in all the Canadian provinces, and have been launched in New Jersey and other centers of intolerance in the United States.

Freedom of Speech in Britain

THE London *Daily Express* has a cartoon of a national personage giving a talk on free speech under the auspices of the British Broadcasting Company. As he talks he stands on a trap door, under the control of an operator who can speedily drop him into the cellar if he says anything off-color. Over his head is a ton weight which can be dropped by another operator, to make sure of his exit. He is surrounded by smiling officials, one of whom has a gas tank where-with to asphyxiate him, another has the fire hose ready to turn on him, a third has a sand bag with which to sock him, a fourth has a death hood to pull over his head, while a fifth is at the controls to shut him off the air the moment he says anything offensive to the censors of the British Broadcasting Company.

Estonia and Bulgaria Go Fascist

ESTONIA and Bulgaria having gone Fascist, there is a solid belt of Fascist countries all the way from the Upper Baltic to the Mediterranean sea, including Poland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and Italy. But for the Lord, the outlook for liberty-lovers in the world would be dark indeed. The Fascist victory in Austria was accomplished by the government troops' "bravely" shooting women and children, shelling apartment houses in which the Socialist workmen made their homes. A hospital also was shelled by the government artillery. One artillery officer obeyed the command of his superiors to fire on the apartment house in which his own wife and children lived.

"The Great Illusion"

UNDER the title "The Great Illusion" the *Saturday Evening Post* says editorially:

The question before the American people—a question that is inextricably interwoven with the policies and experiments of the moment—is this: Do we want a democratic or a collectivist system? Do we want freedom as individuals to live our lives under the Constitution and free courts; do we want individual opportunity and scope to work out our private and business lives within sane and law-abiding limits or do we want to be regimented—told what we can do, how much we can do and when we can do it; do we want a free press, a free radio and free speech, or some one to tell us what we can think and what we can say? . . . The Democratic party has cut loose from its traditions and stands for a strongly centralized, bureaucratic government that is getting a grip on every kind of private business and putting into effect many extremely radical measures that look toward ultimate collectivism. . . . It is impossible to escape the conclusion that today we are having government by amateurs—college boys, irrespective of their age—who, having drunk deep, perhaps, of the Pierian spring, have recently taken some hearty swigs of Russian vodka. We cannot solve our problems with a discredited European ideology and a Marxian philosophy. The great illusion of the moment is that we can gain any worthwhile happiness or prosperity by the sacrifice of our hardly won liberties.

Carnegie Millions and the League

THE New York *American* is quite disturbed because the Carnegie millions, piled up in the days of rebates, are now bequeathed in perpetuity to the League of Nations and World Court propaganda, and although those issues, in America, are publicly discredited, and have been repudiated again and again, yet the Carnegie bequest keeps them ever to the fore. The money itself continues to talk loudly even though Carnegie has long been dead.

Diplomatic Relations with the Vatican

A DISPATCH from Rome, printed in the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, claims that before Mr. Roosevelt was elected discussions took place between him and representatives of the pope respecting the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican, and that the recent trip of Postmaster General Farley to Rome was partly devoted to the same end.

Baldwin's Warning Against Dictatorships

STANLEY BALDWIN, one-time prime minister of England, in a radio address to the children of Great Britain, recently said:

"Democracy is far the most difficult form of government because it requires for perfect functioning the participation of everybody. Democracy wants constant guarding, and for us to turn to a dictatorship would be an act of consummate cowardice, of surrender, a confession that our strength and courage alike had gone. It is quite true the wheels of our State coach may be creaking in heavy ground, but are you sure the wheels of the coach are not creaking in Moscow, Berlin and Vienna and even in the United States? The whole tendency of a dictatorship is to squeeze out the competent and independent man and create a hierarchy accustomed to obeying. Chaos often results when the original dictator goes."

Control of Belgian Press

CONTROL of the Belgian press by the munition-makers, Schneider and Creuzot, has resulted in a wave of militarism in Belgium, with the demand that the French line of concrete fortifications be extended all along the German border. Statements appear in the controlled press that in the event of war conscientious objectors will be repressed without mercy.

Mr. McFadden Wants to Know

CONGRESSMAN LOUIS T. MCFADDEN, who always wants to know the ins and outs of everything, wants to know just why it is that the American people were forced to sell their gold to the United States Treasury at \$20.67 per ounce while the United States Treasury pays Great Britain \$35 per ounce, and the difference has speeded up the gold mines in every part of the British Empire.

The Triumph in Austria

THE triumph in Austria was the triumph of the pope over socialism. That is putting it bluntly. The socialists fought bravely for the preservation of their rights, but they stood no chance. The municipal tenements, housing 200,000 persons in ideal conditions, were recognized as a model all over the world. To their lasting shame the Roman Catholic troops shelled these apartments. One of these, the Karl Marx Hof, consisted of 1,200 apartments, each having separate stairs, a balcony and at least one room exposed to the sun; there were separate kindergartens, assembly rooms, laundries and bath-

houses. It was built around spacious landscaped courtyards, with ornamental statuary and pools. In defending their homes the socialists descended to the sewers, but all in vain. The forces of the pope are in full control. Even the jobs held by socialists in the government were declared forfeited. To all intents and purposes the republic of Austria has ceased to exist.

What the Huge Naval Appropriations Mean

IN AN address in the House of Representatives Hon. George Foulkes, of Michigan, called attention to the fact that in the past three years the United States expended \$60,000,000 more on its navy than the combined navies of France, Italy and Japan, and twice the sum that Great Britain spent on its navy; that during the past three years Japan expended \$381,000,000 and the United States \$4,000,000,000, while the sum desired for this year is a billion and a quarter. Coming directly to the point he said:

"Do you know that ignorance is rampant in our land; that young men and women are unable to secure the educational advantages that would fit them for good citizenship? This one appropriation alone would endow 2,078 colleges with \$500,000 each to carry on this most-desired and benevolent work. Did you know that the more than \$4,000,000,000 appropriated for destruction of human life within the past few years would redeem every farm mortgage within the United States, thereby leaving the sorely distressed agriculturist the master of his own home and securing the destiny of his children? Did you know that this one appropriation alone now being demanded would build an 18-foot concrete road at the cost of \$20,000 a mile for a distance of 52,000 miles, equal to 16 paid highways across the American continent from New York city to San Francisco, and that literally hundreds of hospitals, now so badly needed, could be endowed for a mere fraction of this amount?"

Over-Generosity of Uncle Sam

TO DATE Uncle Sam has expended \$226,000,000 more for the Panama canal than he has got out of it, and, since foreign ships make up 51 percent of the traffic, he has been a large-scale benefactor of all maritime nations. The Inland Waterways Corporation on the Mississippi river, owned by Uncle Sam, gets 40 percent of its charges from shippers and the other 60 percent as a present from the taxpayers. It costs the taxpayers of New York state \$5 a ton for every ton of freight that traverses the barge canal. The postage on air mail letters defrays less than half the actual cost.

Labor and Economics

The Priority of Labor

By Abraham Lincoln

(From a message to Congress in 1861)

I SEE in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of our country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my forebodings may be groundless.

Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a refuge from the power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit to raise a warning voice against the approach of returning despotism. It is not needed nor fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions; but there is one point with its connections, not so hackneyed as most others, to which I ask brief attention. It is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else owning capital, somehow by the use of it, induces him to labor. Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could not have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration. I bid the laboring people beware of surrendering the power which they possess, and which if surrendered will surely be used to shut the door of advancement for such as they, and fix new disabilities and burdens upon them until all of liberty shall be lost.

In the early days of our race the Almighty said to the first of mankind, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," and since then, if we except the light and air of heaven, no good thing has been or can be enjoyed by us without first having cost labor. And inasmuch as most good things have been produced by labor, it follows that all such things belong of right to those whose labor has produced them. But it has so happened, in all ages of the world, that some have labored and others have without labor enjoyed a large portion of the fruits. This is

wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any government.

It seems strange that any man should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing bread from the sweat of other men's faces. This country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhabit it.

Argentina's Model Hobo Camp

BUENOS AIRES, having 5,000 foreign unemployed, seems not to have thought of a southern Battle of Anacostia to get rid of them, but laid out a section of barren unclaimed land, turned over a big stone pile to the men, laid out a camp plan, and persuaded the men to build houses and live in them according to the plan. They did so. Each house is whitewashed, and each morning it is inspected. If the men are sick they are taken to the hospital.

Boom in South Africa

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT's dollar policy has caused a boom in the gold mines of South Africa. Mines which had been abandoned are being reopened and the profits of those which operate continuously have been so much increased that the government has taken out \$30,000,000 in excess profits taxes. As a rule, about one-half of the amount received for the gold is paid out in labor, machinery, explosives and other expenses.

Poor Condition of World Credit

A DISPATCH from London says that money was never so plentiful nor so cheap, but the international bankers are afraid to lend because they do not know who will repay. On the London Stock Exchange are listed the bonds of 104 nations, states and municipalities; 58 of these are now in default. Of 248 different government bonds 154 are worth less than half their par value.

1,000 Men After One Job

A BUSINESS man of Swallow street, Piccadilly, London, advertised for a porter, and over 1,000 men responded. Eventually, after the police had marshaled them into a queue, a printed slip was passed around stating that the position had been filled, and the men were dispersed.

Proposed Addenda to NRA Codes

WITH the dry humor that has made him famous, William Floyd, editor of *The Arbitrator*, proposes the following common-sense addenda to the NRA codes, but neither he nor anybody else supposes that they have a chance in the world of being adopted: they are too sensible.

All corporations shall be conducted on a profit-sharing basis, the charge upon each being minimum and maximum compensation for all employees—manual laborers, clerks and officials—in no instance to be less than \$14 a week or greater than \$500 a week until the corporation is earning 6 percent on its capital stock.

When any corporation shall earn over 6 percent, after setting aside reasonable reserves, paying fixed charges and minimum wages, the excess earnings shall be distributed among all employees in such proportion as shall be determined by vote of all stockholders and employees present in person at the annual meeting. The business policy of the corporation shall be determined by a similar vote, and the officers and employees selected in the same manner.

Competition to maintain fair prices for consumers shall be kept free by enforcing the anti-trust laws. All directors of any corporation infringing those laws shall be liable to imprisonment for a misdemeanor.

No corporation shall pay dividends higher than 6 percent a year; no stock dividends shall be permitted; no stock shall be issued in excess of the fair value of the property as determined by federal experts; there shall be no splitting of stocks, no issuing of no-par stocks or stock under par, and no distribution of bonus stock; holding companies shall be forbidden.

All stock exchanges shall be conducted under federal regulation. Selling short, buying on margin or manipulation of stock shall be prohibited.

The federal government shall open banks in all communities similar to the postal savings banks except that they shall provide the same accommodation now afforded by commercial banks. No banks or bankers shall be permitted to have affiliated corporations for speculation in stocks.

All the currency of the country shall be issued by the United States Government, which shall endeavor to stabilize currencies throughout the world.

Individuals and partnerships where full personal responsibility is assumed shall not be limited as to their net profits, but shall be bound by this code as to wages and hours.

This compromise code between the NRA and a revolution will provide a fair return for capital, better than a living wage for labor, and reasonable prices for the public. Increased earnings of a corporation will mean increased incomes for all workers.

Butler's Tribute to Roosevelt

R. B. BUTLER, of Oklahoma, business man of Tulsa, pays the following tribute to Roosevelt:

In the year of our depression, 5.

DEAR SUFFERING COMRADE:

That fellow Roosevelt is some man. He has given us NRA, RFC, CWA, and booze. He has taken away our long hours of toil, our gold, our bond values, and most of our cherished American liberties. He has recognized Russia, Al Smith, Warm Springs, and the brewers. He has raised our rents, our grocery bills, our hair, and our wage scales. He has reduced our crops, our incomes, our bread lines, and the necessity for our Congress. He has changed our method of government, our diet of drink, and our ideas about running our own business.

NRA Act Full of Holes

JUDGE ALEXANDER AKERMAN, federal judge at Miami, Florida, who has made a practice of reading the United States constitution once a week, says that the NRA Act, when tested by the constitution, is so full of holes that you could drive eight yoke of oxen through it. He further expressed the opinion that the department of agriculture, which may or may not be a good thing, is without constitutional authority to order any citizen to do anything or not to do anything.

Pullman Porters Poorly Paid

IN 1926 the monthly wages of Pullman porters averaged \$73.11; since then there has been a cut of \$5. The porter has to pay for his own polishing materials and equipment, meals en route and uniforms. In 1926 these items averaged \$33.82; the porter's average rent back home was \$37.47. That left \$1.82 per month for the maintenance of his family, clothing, etc. Now you know why a porter has to have tips to live, and why his wife has to go out by the day to help keep the little home together.

Factors Which Reduce the Demand

MEN and women work less vigorously than they did, and they work in warmer rooms; hence they use less food. Gasoline has taken the place of horse and mule feed. Improvements in cattle have brought an increased milk supply with fewer cattle. Increased efficiency of electric plants and steam locomotives has made necessary less mining of coal.

Social and Educational

"Good Times" Again in Chicago

HAROLD B. WHEELER of Chicago writes: "Good times are had again in Chicago; the gangland city is acting as it always has. Our governor is trying to pass a liquor bill; the mayor believes that prohibition repeal means that the people want to be able to buy a drink. No one wanted to see the return of the old-fashioned saloon, so they have changed the name to "tavern". Some people believe that drinking is O.K. if a fellow doesn't stand up while he pours it down. That hoists the question, How should a fellow be allowed to consume the spirits, sitting, standing, leaning, or kneeling? If we can't have saloons we are bound to have speak-easies. The difference between a saloon and a speak-easy is the way you get into the place. To convert a saloon into a speak-easy all one does is to lock the front door and open the rear, and pay for protection instead of tax. Women barflies are the new feature at the taverns, and all Chicago says they are an offensive nuisance, and there are more of them than can be reckoned. Well, anyway, it gives the preachers something to squawk about. I see Billy Sunday has started out to take in another fortune by running the Devil around and saving souls by the glass and stein; there is a fortune in those tabernacles. Preacher, priest, or rabbi, they all have their say-so: they have all got their hands out for something to stop their thundering. They call it alms; the politicians call it political expense; but we call it just plain graft."

Stocks in Use in Georgia

A SUBSCRIBER in Georgia reports having seen the stocks used in prison camps in Georgia, in Hancock county. Prisoners are knocked unconscious with shovels and clubs, and as many as five prisoners are in the stocks at one time. The prisoners in stocks have their arms and legs each through separate, roughly chiseled or sawn holes, as far apart as possible, in such a manner as to cause exquisite torture. When removed they commonly have to be carried and are often nearly paralyzed. The people of Georgia are very proud of their churches. The men who make the stocks for their fellow men are all strong for the doctrine of eternal torture and are trying to be as much like their father the Devil as they know how.

The Welfare Racket in Philadelphia

MARK MASON, in the *Philadelphia Sunday Transcript*, describes in some detail a business that is now pretty well spread over all the earth:

"The Community Council of Philadelphia, formed on October 1, 1930, is the most widely inclusive body of welfare organizations ever gathered together in this city for a common project. Every form of social work, municipal and private, sectarian and secular, is represented among its 315 member agencies. Kingsley, the star of the salary list, was paid \$18,500 a year for his clerical work until there had to be a slash due to the exposures made by this newspaper. Billikopf made extraordinary sums on the outside, serving as an arbitrator and in other capacities growing out of the welfare racket. This go-getter probably makes \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year by and through being a hotcha welfare worker. His social activities, meaning his family life, cost a fortune each year. DeSchweinitz quit one job that paid him \$12,000 to take another that pays sums less easy to isolate. He was a leg-man on the old *North American* at \$20 a week when he busted right out as a sociological authority, whatever that is, at \$8,000 a year. This desk-man probably cleans up from \$25,000 to \$35,000 a year as welfare 'executive', which means go get the money and build up payrolls and 'overhead' to consume it."

The Thakenham Home for the Aged

THAKENHAM, England, has a home for the aged poor. The walls are eight feet thick; there are no modern toilets; all the water not purchased is pumped by the inmates, but the wells are so constantly drained that the water thus secured is unfit to drink; there is no illumination of the home except candles and oil lanterns; the halls are so dark at noonday as to be unsafe to the able-bodied; the floors are of bare stone; the dormitories are unheated; England is one of the most highly civilized countries in the Devil's world.

"The Best Magazine Published"

MISS ELEANOR REYNOLDS, eleven years old, writes in from a village up in New York state and says: "In our school we had a contest to determine which is the best magazine published. Each scholar was to submit his choice of which is best. Our teacher was to be the judge. I submitted as my choice *The Golden Age*. After a fair review of them all, our teacher decided in favor of *The Golden Age*."

Spasms over Cherry Blossoms

SOME years ago the Japanese people presented the United States with a quantity of cherry trees, now planted around The Mall, Washington, D. C. The trees were accompanied by an invasion of the Japanese beetle, which has cost many hundreds of millions of dollars; but that was unintentional. The trees do not bear any fruit, ever, but once a year they are as nice to look at as any other cherry trees, no more and no less. Once a year, however, Washington goes out of its head over these cherry blossoms. The *Evening Star* in a single issue had parts of six columns about the festival, including three large pictures, one of Miss Eleanor Roosevelt being crowned queen of the cherry blossom festival by the Reverend George F. Dudley, Episcopalian; another of a group of politicians gazing interestedly at a group of dancers who ushered in the festival; the third picture showed six female dancers with dresses so thin that from top to toe nothing was left to imagination. It is supposed that 200,000 visitors came to Washington to see the cherry blossoms. The *Evening Star* could not spare a line to tell the big news that 2,500,000 people protested to Congress against discrimination and interference with their radio rights and privileges, nor did it have any news about the hearings. The cherry blossom spasm, like the newspapers that devote so much space to it, is the almost pure humbug so dear to the American heart.

The Tower of WLW

THE tower of WLW, Cincinnati, the only station in the United States having 500,000 watts power, is 831 feet high. The total weight of 450 tons rests on two apparently fragile porcelain cones, but it is claimed that the cones would sustain three times the imposed weight if necessary. The foundations go 70 feet beneath the surface of the ground.

The Little Slaves of Ceylon

THE little slaves of Ceylon are "adopted" for a price, and adopted over and over again for other prices. They are worked without any limitation as to hours, except that on Sunday they may not legally be worked more than four hours. Children as young as seven years of age are subject to these conditions.

In the Land of Too Much

THE land of Too Much has but 5.6 percent of the area of the world; it has 6 percent of the world's population, 14 percent of its annual gold production, 19 percent of its annual wheat production, 33 percent of its wealth, 33 percent of its railroads, 33 percent of its telegraph lines, 33 percent of its used water power, 36 percent of its annual coal production, 47 percent of its annual steel production, 48 percent of its copper, 52 percent of its lumber, 56 percent of its cotton, 58 percent of its corn, 60 percent of its telephones, 67 percent of its annual petroleum production, and 86 percent of its automobiles.

65,000,000 Refugees in China

ACCORDING to a report by the Nanking National Relief Commission no less than 65,000,000 Chinese were driven from their homes last year by civil wars, banditry, famines, droughts and floods.

Huge Classes in London Schools

AFTER all the efforts that have been made to provide the poor with proper instruction, it is a striking fact that half the children of London are even now being taught in classes with an enrollment of over 40 pupils each.

World's Largest Daily Paper

THE London *Daily Herald* now claims the largest net circulation of any newspaper in the world, exceeding, as it does, 2,030,000 a day. The London *Daily Mail* had a circulation of 1,945,635 in 1929, but is down 10 percent from that figure now.

\$10,000,000 for a Place of Refuge

FRIENDS of Samuel Insull are reported to have offered \$10,000,000 to Turkey to assist in its five-year plan if they would but allow that gentleman a haven where he would be safe from deportation to the United States.

State Liquor Monopoly in Finland

THE state liquor monopoly in Finland is claimed to be a complete success. Profits are restricted to 7 percent. Drunkenness has been reduced; huge profits have been turned over to the national treasury. Bootlegging has ended.

The Helpless, Gibbering Imbecile of Interest

SAYS Rupert Webb, of Pretoria, South Africa, in his little book entitled *Feed, Clothe and House the People*: "It is a simple process to analyze the fungous growth of interest on money. We will therefore analyze one hundred pounds invested, as from the year 1800, at the low rate of interest, say $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, and find: In the year 1820 this £100 with added interest became £200; in 1840, £400; in 1860, £800; in 1880, £1,600; in 1900, £3,200; in 1920, £6,400; and in 1933, £10,000. These figures are not fairy tales; they are the truth and demonstrate the fallacy of attempting to continue further with a system that has been able to drag us down to the depression, starvation and the unemployed state in which we now find ourselves. We have, by some unforeseen force, survived from the £100 invested in the year 1800, which has now grown to £10,000; but what of the next 60 years, when the £100 will have reached the colossal figure of £80,000? Is it possible to continue with such a Hydra-headed monstrosity of a system which has been able to degrade a sound, healthy nation with poverty and distress?" Mr. Webb's proposed remedy is the taxable currency originally proposed by Silvio Gesell, and a seemingly sensible method of gradually doing away with the interest system that Mr. Webb properly describes as a helpless, gibbering imbecile. The interest system will demonstrate its own complete idiocy to anybody who knows how to multiply and divide.

Helping Forbes Out

C. O. SHOEMAKER, Washington, sends in an item of the financial writer B. C. Forbes, in which Forbes says that in this country, among the things that we have that are the biggest in the world, are, respectively, the biggest band, insurance company, automobile company, steel corporation, electric manufacturing company, typewriter factory, telephone company, department store, oil company, woolen manufacturing company, copper company, smelting company, sugar refining company, packing plants, carpet factory, agricultural machinery plant, motion picture company, photographic supplies company, office appliance factories, mail order companies, radio corporation, utility corporations, fruit company, and canning plants. Shoemaker then is mean enough to say: "Why Forbes would

stop where he did is a puzzle to me. Why, I can think of a lot more things: we have the biggest liars; we have the biggest hypocrites; we have the biggest misleading newspapers; we have the biggest crooked politicians; we have the biggest bunch of yes men on earth; we have the biggest bunch of jail birds that claim to belong to some church; we have the biggest variety of churches, which causes the biggest bunch of crooks, the biggest bunch of priests and preachers that blaspheme God, and the biggest bunch of blood-thirsty church members. Maybe I had better quit."

The Bootleggers of Usury

VINCENT ASTOR's periodical *Today* tells of a young man in Louisville who borrowed \$50 from a loan shark. The interest charged was \$5 for two weeks, or at the rate of \$130 for one year, 260 percent, and after paying regularly for a year the clerk would still owe the \$50, which must be paid in a lump sum, as partial payments are not accepted. In instances, as high as 1,700 percent has been charged on loans. A man in Dallas borrowed \$20; in four years he paid \$640 in interest, and still owed the principal. In the same city was a girl who borrowed \$25 from a loan agent, and paid him \$4.50 a month for more than four years. In Mobile a woman paid \$194 interest on a loan of \$5 and sought relief from the state legislature only when the usurer threatened to seize her furniture. Usury (interest) is illegal Scripturally, and in the Golden Age will be punishable by death.

Chicago Man Bids \$50,000 for a Throne

A CHICAGO man, a Catalonian by birth, bid \$50,000 for the throne of Andorra, the semi-republic between Spain and France. His bid was rejected, to the immense satisfaction of everybody. The little republic would have liked to have the \$50,000, but it had not fallen so low as to sell out.

Echoes of the Big Slump

SOME of the echoes of the big slump in the United States are that one out of every six banks closed, one out of every forty-five hospitals had to give up, and one out of every twenty-two businesses went to the wall. Many religious papers had to give up the fight.

Automobile Information*By O. Parkinson (Michigan)*

THE following facts and figures are from the 1933 edition of the booklet prepared and published by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which includes the manufacturers of all cars excepting the Ford Company:

Production in the United States and Canada for 1932 was 1,431,494 vehicles:

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| 1. Passenger cars | 1,186,209 |
| 2. Trucks | 245,285 |

Foreign sales totaled 181,055 vehicles.

In 1932 registrations in the United States totaled 24,136,879 vehicles, of which 20,903,422 were cars.

Capital invested in car and truck factories amounted to \$1,489,900,000.

Number of direct employees in car and truck factories was 229,841. Number of employees direct and indirect, 3,901,800.

Number of motor vehicle dealers in United States, 39,871.

There were 2,900,000 motor vehicles scrapped in 1932.

The average life of cars is now $7\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Total of registration fees in all states was \$324,273,000.

The state tax on gasoline totaled \$513,047,239.

Of all new cars, 62% are bought by persons with yearly incomes of less than \$3,000.

Of all cars, 89% sell for less than \$750 wholesale.

Of old vehicles, 6,400,000 are ready for junking.

People owning automobiles pay by way of taxes:

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| 1. \$2,041 | a minute |
| 2. \$122,833 | an hour |
| 3. \$2,947,992 | a day |

Highways in the United States total in mileage 3,040,000.

The automobile industry in 1932 consumed in forms of steel or iron:

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| 1. 53% strips |
| 2. 28% bars |
| 3. 23% sheets |
| 4. 54% malleable iron |
| 5. 77% alloy steel |

manufactured, and ranks as the first customer for these particular items.

The automobile industry is responsible for the use of:

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| 1. 85% of the gasoline |
| 2. 80% of the rubber |
| 3. 43% of the plate glass |
| 4. 28% of the nickel |
| 5. 34% of the lead |
| 6. 14% of the mohair |
| 7. 53% of the upholstery leather |

There are 317,200 retail gasoline outlets.

There are 63,400 school buses in use.

The automobile industry ranks second among manufacturing industries, being exceeded only by the meat packing industry.

Of the world motor output, 72% is in the United States and Canada.

In the entire world there are registered 33,602,000 motor vehicles.

Zambezi Bridge Nearing Completion

THE bridge across the Zambezi river, in Africa, which, it is expected, will mean much to Nyassaland, will be completed in May of next year. There are 46 spans and 1,805 feet of viaduct. Most of the piers go down to 110 feet below water level. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$7,500,000.

Severe in Europe Too

LAST winter was severe not only in America, but in Europe too. On one occasion all the passes in the Pyrenees were blocked with snow. About the same time a motor coach in Germany was buried under thirteen feet of snow, but was eventually dug out and taken to the next village.

Palestine Covered with Highways

TWENTY years ago Palestine was a roadless and a schoolless land. Now, so returned travelers say, it has excellent automobile roads running in every direction, many excellent small cities, well-cultivated fields and fine institutions of learning, and no bread lines.

Record Speed to South America

FLYING in relays the German transatlantic air line recently covered the 5,700 miles between Berlin and the coast of Brazil in 3 days 8 hours 40 minutes. The record was established on the return flight.

Science, Invention and Miscellany

The Horrible New Gases

CHARLES DE C. JOHNSTON, of British Columbia, writing of the new gas, diphenylchlorasine, says:

"Three drops will kill. This gas will penetrate any mask, causing its removal and allowing the more deadly gases, with which it may be mixed, a clear field. General A. Ross, M.P., noted military medical man, claims that a portion of this gas mixed with 10,000,000 parts of air will put a human creature out of action in one minute. As far back as 1918 this gas was used on a herd of goats. All were killed but four. These four, in their agony, smashed their heads against fences. More so, it is stated by this general that the gas can be put up in five-pound containers, 600 forming a load for a commercial airplane. Two of these planes, not a military type even, can carry sufficient to destroy the population of London. Many more gases can be named. Take cacodyl isocyanide. One breath of this gas is absolutely fatal. Diethyl telluride will penetrate the skin without injuring it, yet this gas is 100 times greater in its effect than strychnine. With these gases, General Ross notes, a bomb of an incendiary nature, when dropped from a plane, develops a heat up to 3,000 degrees, piercing iron, steel and earth to get at gas mains. Two pounds of this gas is sufficient to destroy a large city."

Early Development of Paper

By W. F. Cleaver

(Reprinted from *The Inland Printer*)

HIDDEN away "among the flags by the river's brink", the infant Moses was saved from the death that menaced him under Pharaoh's decree. These "flags" were papyrus, a tall, smooth-stemmed reed of triangular form, which grew to a height of ten or fifteen feet, and terminated in a tufted plume. From its smooth green stems was made, as early as 2000 B.C., a material called by the same name, "papyrus," a crude paper. The outer rind of the stem was first removed, exposing an interior made up of numerous successive fiber layers, some twenty in number. These were separated with a pointed instrument, or needle, arranged side by side on a hard, smooth table, crossed at right angles with another set of strips placed above, and then dampened. After pressure had been applied for a number of hours the sheets were taken out and rubbed with a piece of ivory, or with a smooth stone or shell, until the desired surface was obtained, when the process was complete except for drying in the sun. Single sheets made thus were fastened together

to form the papyrus rolls. Some of these rolls were thirty feet in length.

Parchment came as a substitute for papyrus when Egypt, having a monopoly of papyrus, refused to sell it to Attalus, king of Pergamus, so the story goes. The skins of sheep and goats were employed in the making of parchment. Vellum was made from skins of young calves, and was used extensively by the early printers in editions of books for royalty and people of wealth.

History gives the credit of the invention of actual paper, as we know it, to the Chinese emperor Hsi, whom the orientals reverence as a sort of super-scientist. He employed for some thirty years a learned Chinese scholar named Tsi-Lun to investigate means of producing writing material and, after various experiments with silk cloth and other materials, he succeeded in making a fair grade of paper, beating to a fiber bamboo and old rags.

Interesting A. T. & T. Items

OF THE 681,000 Bell System stockholders, 381,000 are women and 115,000 are Bell System employees. At the close of the year 1933 there were 13,163,000 telephones in service; the average tax on each telephone was \$6.42. The total assets of the system at the end of the year were \$4,907,000,000. Nineteen ships can now be reached while at sea from any Bell System telephone, and at the end of 1933 all the telephones in the world, except those in China, Japan, New Zealand, and Russia, could be reached from any Bell System telephone. Shortly, and perhaps by the time this is written, all these countries can be reached.

Burlington's New Streamline Train

THE Zephyr, the Burlington's new streamline train, is 197 feet long and carries 72 passengers in the three cars that make up the train. These three cars, all together, weigh only as much as an ordinary Pullman car. The rear of one car and the front of another rest upon the same truck, so that, all together, there are but sixteen wheels under the train, instead of thirty-six, as usual. Built of stainless steel, The Zephyr is unpainted. As all the parts of each car are welded together, each car is virtually but a single piece of metal. The train is expected to make upward of 100 miles an hour.

Southern California's Great Effort to Get Water

IT IS a matter of life and death, literally, for southern California that it go on with its water project. The average rainfall in that section is but 15 inches, the underground water supplies are seriously depleted, some wells are down 350 feet, and 47 square miles of water land have been ruined by the intrusion of salt water. The distance from the Colorado river to the reservoir at Cajalco is 241 miles; there are tunnels on the route of 10, 8, 3, 7, 3, 4, 1, 33, 2, 13, 1 and 7 miles, 92 miles in all. More than a hundred routes were surveyed before the route was selected. Boulder Dam is being rushed to completion by the Government largely because it is universally recognized that southern California urgently needs the water to be made available by the dam.

Spanish Home Burned by Meteor

AT THE village of Rinconada, Spain, Francisco Megia had the novel and not-to-be-desired experience of having his house hit by a meteor. With a roar like an airplane, what looked like a column of smoke came hurtling from the skies direct for the little home. Striking the house, the building was first filled with a heavy odor of sulphur and burned coal, and then, the family barely escaping with their lives, the whole house burst into flames and was totally consumed.

Will Spend \$51,000,000 Studying Man

THE Russian government is spending \$51,000,000 in the study of man. The institution in which this will be done will consider man from every angle, from genetics and eugenics through education in all its branches to the adult functioning of the human body. Persons in sound health will be studied to try to find out what it is that makes them well. There will also be some study and treatment of the sick.

America's First Diesel Train

THE new Burlington streamlined train is the first of the Diesel-powered streamliners in this country. Similar trains are in use in Germany and are a pronounced success. The total weight of this new train, of three units, is 85 tons, in place of 300 tons for the regular equipment. It is built of stainless steel, and capable of making two miles a minute.

Eye-Grafting Operation at Newcastle

AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, England, a man twenty-nine years old now beholds the world about him for the first time since he was two years of age, at which time measles destroyed his sight. As they lay side by side on the operating tables the cornea (the thin membrane covering the pupil of the eye) was removed from a fellow man, blind for another reason, and successfully grafted upon the afflicted man's eyes. Two operations were necessary; at one of them a woman was the donor of the cornea of one of her eyes, and, oddly enough, the man who now sees does not know the name of the good woman who made his vision possible.

Sterilization Overrated

DR. C. LEONARD HUSKINS, professor of genetics at McGill University, Montreal, points out that if all the feeble-minded were sterilized, the proportion of feeble-minded to the population would be decreased by only about 11 percent; it would take many generations of sterilization to make a decrease of 20 percent, and the percentage could never be decreased by more than 50 percent, no matter what steps were taken. To entirely wipe out feeble-mindedness, it would be necessary to wipe out all the relatives, including parents, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

A Correction from Alaska

SAYS Fridtjov Hoen: "In an issue of *The Golden Age* there was a report of the disappearance in Alaska of Augustine Island. That report is not correct. I was on the island twice last summer and it was then as it has been for the last twenty-three years. From my cabin here I can see it every clear day. That report did not originate in Rome, but in a town here by the name of Anchorage."

The Discovery of Dynamite

DR. ALFRED B. NOBEL, whose 100th birthday was recently celebrated in Sweden, was an ardent lover of peace, though he was the discoverer of dynamite and ballistite, which made modern warfare possible. Without the discovery of dynamite there would be no Panama canal, no Simplon tunnel, and quarrying and building would lag tremendously.

Many Lepers in Brazil

IN SOME sections of Latin America nearly the entire population is leprous. Brazil has the largest number, probably 75,000. Chile has none, due to its temperate climate, rigid immigration policy and the barriers of mountains and deserts which shut it off from other Latin-American countries. Brazil, the melting pot of the world, now has 150,000 Japanese immigrants, and has just offered to receive 10,000 Assyrians.

David Toohey's Wrench

IN AUSTRALIA, in the old mining district of Ballarat, David Toohey, farmer, looking for a missing wrench, discovered, a foot below the surface of the field he was plowing, a gold-bearing reef from which, in two days, he obtained gold to the amount of \$2,240. There have been serious riots in Australia between British miners, armed, and the great numbers of Italians who have come in to take their places in the mines, and who work for smaller wages than the Britishers are willing to accept.

London Firemen's Helmets to Go

LONDON firemen's brass helmets, worn by them for seventy years, and intended to be worn by them in all future ages, are to be changed. It is found that they are unsafe. In one instance a fireman was electrocuted when his helmet touched a tube containing a live wire. The new helmets will be made of plastic materials or an aluminum alloy.

Capital of Sheba Probably Discovered

FRENCH aviators have photographed from an airplane the ruins of a city in southern Arabia which is believed to have been the capital of the queen of Sheba. It must at one time have had a population of about 200,000. It is located near Yemen. Bedouins fired on the aviators as they passed over the ruins, but they escaped without injury.

South Africa's Terrible Storms

SOUTH AFRICA has the most terrible thunderstorms of any part of the world. Some months ago a single flash killed four natives and stunned five others. The same flash also killed five animals.

The Fourth Largest Diamond

THE fourth largest diamond in the world, the Jonkers, recently discovered by a man 62 years of age, brought him \$375,000 in cash. The night after it was discovered, he sat up all night with a rifle on his knees, his two sons sitting on either side of him with revolvers in their hands. With the dawn of day they bumped away to town to dispose of their find. The actual find was by a colored man employed by Jonkers. The stone, 726 carats, is pure white, flawless, and was found within three miles of the Cullinan, discovered in 1905. By some it is believed to be a part of the original Cullinan stone, which is the largest ever found, 3,025 carats, but, even at that, showed a fracture.

The Stonework of Tiahuanacu

BOLIVIANS claim that Tiahuanacu, ten miles from Lake Titicaca, is the oldest city in the world. Its stonework would attract attention in any age. There are flights of steps each step in which is a single square-cut stone twenty feet in length, ten feet in width, and three feet in thickness. There are many building blocks that weigh more than 200 tons each. These blocks were bound together with silver staples. When the Spaniards overran the country they upset everything in order to get the staples. The cutting of the stones was done with absolute precision. How the cutting was done, in view of the fact that steel was unknown, cannot even be guessed.

The Dead Sea Very Much Alive

THE Dead sea, fifty minutes by asphalt road from Jerusalem, is now the city's favorite resort. A twin-screw boat carries 80 passengers around the Dead sea, or a speed-boat will take nine of them around in jig time. The increased barometric pressure causes a high oxygen content of the air, which has a wonderfully invigorating effect on human creatures.

The Capital of Manchuria

IN THE two years they have dominated Manchuria the Japanese have built a new capital, Hsinking, in the center of the country, in a location suitable for landscaping and the erection of large modern government buildings. The city already has a population of 150,000. It will be connected by modern highways with all the important centers of the country.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Golden Age is pleased to announce that a series of brief and illuminating talks by Judge Rutherford, covering a wide variety of Scriptural subjects, will appear in its columns, beginning with this issue. It is hardly needful for *The Golden Age* to express its conviction that these compact and worth-while lectures will be greatly appreciated by its readers. There is so much crowded into the compass of one of these articles that they will bear repeated reading and discussion.

Jehovah By Judge Rutherford

THE name JEHOVAH applies exclusively to the Supreme Being. He is the Most High, above all. His name Jehovah signifies His purpose toward His creatures. He is the Almighty God, which means that He is the Creator of all things in heaven and in earth, and that His power is almighty and nothing can successfully resist Him. God created man and created the earth as a place for man to live. All men who will ever gain life everlasting must know and obey Jehovah God.

Jehovah provides two primary ways for man to gain a knowledge of Him: (1) by man's observing the things created, which of themselves silently tell of a supreme power, and (2) by His revealed Word, which is the Bible, otherwise called the Holy Scriptures. Jehovah God long ago caused faithful men to write the Bible at His dictation, and this divine record is made for the purpose of giving man needed information. The Bible is the truth, and for centuries has successfully resisted all efforts to discredit it.

All the human race are the offspring of one man, whose name was Adam and who was created by Jehovah God a perfect man. That man disobeyed Jehovah and was sentenced to death, after which all of his children were born; and for that reason all the human race by inheritance are sinners. The Scriptures truly declare that Jehovah God is love, which means that He is unselfish and that He does good unto all creatures without any gain to himself. Every act of Jehovah is prompted by love or unselfishness; hence He is wholly devoted to righteousness. It is His will that His creatures be wholly devoted to righteousness. He has provided the means for all men to gain a knowledge of the truth in order that they may learn the way of righteousness and live for ever in happiness. We have now come to the time when men are given greater opportunities than ever before to learn the way of righteousness and life.

Jehovah God is the giver of life; hence it is properly said of Him He is the fountain of life. His beloved Son is Christ Jesus, whose position in the universe is next to that of Jehovah. The purpose of Jehovah is to give life to obedient men by and through the ministration of Christ Jesus when such men are fully obedient to Him. For this reason Jesus said of Jehovah and for the benefit of men: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3) No man can get everlasting life without knowing Jehovah and obeying Him.

A meek person is a teachable person, that is to say, a person who is willing to be taught. Jehovah's promise to man is that He will teach the meek in the way that he should go; hence if a man seeks knowledge, earnestly desiring the same, God will reward his efforts. Jehovah has now brought to pass conditions in the world that make it possible for man to understand His name and His purpose, and for this reason He has supplied the means for understanding.

Jehovah commands that all men shall love Him with a pure heart and must be obedient to His commandments in order to prove their love for Him. Such is not a selfish command, but is entirely unselfish and for the special benefit of man. There are mighty creatures that are called gods, because *god* means "mighty one", but there is but one Jehovah, the Almighty God. He is the Eternal One, and there is none other who can give life everlasting to man. It would be inconsistent for God to give everlasting life to anyone out of harmony with Him, and therefore He tells man that if he desires to have everlasting life he must be obedient. Jehovah also commands that man shall make no image and worship that. That requirement is for man's best interests. If a man devotes himself to an image or thing, that tends to turn his mind and his affections away from God and to lead him into destruction. All law and commandments of Je-

hovah are for man's good; and the more fully we understand them and obey them, the more we love Jehovah. That which is of greatest importance to man is to gain a knowledge of Jehovah as set forth in the Bible. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."—Psalm 19:7.

Since God created the first man perfect, and

all men are the offspring of that first man, why is there so much sickness, distress and sorrow and death amongst the human race? Is Jehovah responsible for all this sorrow and suffering amongst men, including death? Jehovah is not responsible at all therefor. The Bible answer to the question as to why these disagreeable things have come to pass will be answered in another speech called "Rebellion".

[The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society advises that the above lecture and others of the series are obtainable in the form of phonograph records, which may be run at the usual speed of 78 revolutions per minute on any phonograph that plays disc records.

There are times when one is not in the mood for reading. On such occasions a short talk on some helpful subject just meets the need and lifts the mind

from dwelling on troublesome things to inspiring and encouraging truths. Many of our readers will be eager to obtain a series of the lectures for their use at home and in discussing with friends and acquaintances the wonderful truths of God's Word as they apply to the time in which we live. For further particulars address Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y.]

The Twilight of Kings *By Annie Johnson Flint*

(Reprinted from the Boston Globe)

THREE kings there be, and one is mad,
And one is weak, and one is old,
And all are blind—they will not see
The Hand that writes a doom foretold;
And all are deaf—they will not hear
The Voice that speaks, the word it brings—
Voice of the people and of God:
"This is the twilight of the kings!"

From mountain pass, from fertile plain
Where harvests wait the reapers' tread,
From vineyards on the sunny slopes
Where dressers of the vines lie dead,
From homes where starving children wait
The father's coming—and in vain,
From pallid cheeks and voiceless lips
Of manhood wrecked and manhood slain,
From smold'ring roofs and blackened walls,
From idle wheels of labor stilled,
From ancient battlefields, and new,
That reek of blood unjustly spilled,
A solemn Voice that cries aloud,
Through all the world the portent rings:
"The Sword shall free us from the sword—
This is the twilight of the kings."

It is the twilight! Spent the day
Of splendor, tyranny, and crime.
The long, long day that had its birth
Within the far-off dawn of time—

The day of iron hand and heel,
Of bondage, cruelty, and woe,
The day of Babylon and Rome,
Of Louis, Herod, Pharaoh.
The night that follows on that day
Across the world its shadow flings;
The outworn dynasties shall pass—
It is the twilight of the kings!

Fast falls the night; beyond its gloom
There shines the dawn of better things—
The light of liberty and peace,
Of justice higher than the kings.
When breaks that dawn no more one man
Shall move a million at his will
Like pawns upon a chessboard played,
To vaunt his power and his skill;
No more one man, by "right divine",
On age-old wrongs his house shall build;
No more the slogan "Might makes right"
Shall serve his selfish greed to gild.
Their glory fades as fades the day;
In fire and blood their sun has set,
Though in the swiftly dark'ning skies
A smoky crimson lingers yet;
For hopeless, when the tide has turned,
To fight against the trend of things,
The thrones are rocking to their fall—
It is the twilight of the kings!

"Odium Theologicum"

Questionnaire of "The World Tomorrow"

THE magazine *The World Tomorrow* sent out 100,490 questionnaires to Protestant clergymen and theological seminary students, receiving 20,870 replies. Of the number replying, 17,023 were opposed to military training in public high schools and colleges and universities; 15,985 are in favor of substantial reductions in armaments; 15,598 believe that the policy of armed intervention should be abandoned; 13,997 believe the churches should go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war; 12,904 are prepared to state that it is not their present purpose to sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant; and 8,014 could not conscientiously serve as army chaplain on active duty in wartime. That is considerable shrinkage, but is worth noting.

Among the expressions of those who said they believe the churches should go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war were the following, culled from a number of different replies:

"War is murder on a wholesale scale, and is incompatible with the teachings and spirit of Jesus Christ."

"War is hell! It kills human [creatures], love and fellowship, destroys property and civilization, breeds hatred, leaves poverty and ruin in its wake—and the church of Christ must oppose these things or die."

"For fourteen months I served as chaplain in France and Germany, and for the last fifteen years I have not been rid of the horrors of it for a full twenty-four hours. My position on war is unpopular, but the way I saw wholesale murder for several months has left me with no alternative but to curse the institution which has all but wrecked the world."

"The church denies the name of its Founder and ceases to be Christian to the extent that it participates in war. Christ is unequivocally opposed to war. War is murder on a wholesale, glorified scale. No murderer is a Christian."

"What part has the gospel of love with rapine, murder, slaughter and bloodshed? You can't whip the Devil by acting like him."

"The record of the clergy in the years of the World War was indeed a dismal one. As one commentator remarked, 'The pulpits reeked with blood.'"

"If the churches have sincerely repented of their unchristian attitude and action during the World War, they can do no less than to put themselves on record as refusing to sanction or support a future war."

"We have been a most blasphemous people, praying to God to aid us in murdering others of His creation."

Pathetic Palestine Pastors

THE pathetic Palestine Pastors' Association, Palestine, Texas, solemnly met and stated that "hearing that a petition was being circulated . . . for the purpose of preventing the ministers of the gospel from being denied the privilege of broadcasting their messages, the Palestine Pastors' Association has asked the press to state that . . . The Pastors' Association does not endorse the petition being circulated". All of this is as we would expect, and all that it does is to help the people to see that the pastors are lined up squarely on the Devil's side, and squarely against Jehovah and Jehovah's witnesses.

The Merchants Ought to Pay

REVEREND E. McAVOY, Geneva Presbyterian church, Chesley, Ontario, Canada, has a thrilling 2½-column sermon in the *Owen Sound Sun-Times*. The sermon is devoted to proving that furniture, sweaters, automobile accessories, groceries, drugs, tobacco, meat, hay, shoes and ladies' wear are as cheap in Chesley as in Toronto. Not sure if the reverend gent speaks with authority on the last item, but probably so. No Scriptures are cited, but if those storekeepers don't come across with the long green, then there is no such thing as gratitude in this world.

Reverend Sheridan Helps the Good Work

REVEREND E. M. SHERIDAN, Curtis Baptist church, Augusta, Georgia, broadcast over WRDW urging his listeners to burn all books having J. F. Rutherford's name or that of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society printed upon them. Thanks, "Reverend"! Every knock is a boost. "Ye know not what ye do." And the clergy never do know; they don't find out what it is all about until after it is all over.

Putting the Clergy on Record

A QUESTIONNAIRE dated January 1, 1934, was sent out to the clergy of the United States. It was signed by S. Parkes Cadman, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Edward M. Israel, M. Ashby Jones, William P. King, F. H. Knubel, Francis J. McConnell, John McDowell, D. P. McGeachy, Kirby Page, Daniel A. Poling, and William Scarlett. Of fifteen questions put to them, the very first one was, "Do you favor the immediate entrance into the League of Nations?"

An Anemic's Place at the Table

A FIVE-YEAR survey of church organization and life in the United States, Alaska and the West Indies, presented at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Home Missions Council, Fifth Avenue, New York, says:

"During the last decade, Christianity to many has seemed to present but a glorified social service program. We have compromised and qualified until what remains of Christianity is but an anemic member occupying a place at the table of world religions. It is neither vital nor vitalizing."

Elimination of Sectarianism

THE big fellows are all jumping into the new program whereby it is to be made to appear that there is no essential difference between the Catholic, Jew and Protestant faiths. All that the people have to do is to go along where the clergy direct. In every state the campaign is under way, and the most influential men in the state are put on the committees that have the drive in hand. The real object is to prevent the common people from hearing about and accepting God's truth and God's way, His King and His kingdom.

Warning to the Episcopal Church

REVEREND GEORGE A. BARTON, professor at the Philadelphia Divinity School, in an address given at the annual Protestant Church Congress in that city, said of the Episcopal church that it is in danger of being blotted out, and added: "The church is in danger of becoming one of the greatest obstacles in the realization of the kingdom of God. The so-called sects are in many ways doing more in reaching people and bringing them to God than we who sometimes think we have a pipe line to the holy spirit through the historical episcopacy."

"Strife on Earth, Ill Will to Men"

REVEREND ARTHUR E. MASSEY, Sussex, writing in the London weekly *Everyman*, thinks that in these days of soaring expenditures for armaments the consistent thing to do would be to recommend the worship of the inventors of poison gases instead of the Prince of Peace and a day should be set apart to celebrate "Strife on earth, ill will toward aliens". He also makes the sensible suggestion that it might be as well to close the churches.

"Blessed Bible, Precious Word!"

THOSE who love the Word of God often sing "Blessed Bible, precious Word! boon most sacred from the Lord". It seems not to have been the attitude of mind of Reverend Robert Wesley Hanford, M.E. pastor of Lansdowne, Maryland, when, in his Easter sermon, he hurled his Bible across the room and said, "Cursed be the church and cursed be the Bible when used to enslave God's highest creation on earth, to enslave man created in the image of God." The "Reverend" seems to have been peeved about something. The account says that he was "denouncing the fellow who says he is a Bible student". Not certain, but it looks very much as if some Bible student had put something up to him, or at least to his congregation, that the dominie found not easy to explain.

Archbishop Athenagoras' Homely Words

ARCHBISHOP ATHENAGORAS, of the Greek Orthodox church, in a sermon at East Pittsburgh recently, said:

"We wanted money. We got it, and since we got it we've paid for it. The manufacturer poured metal into guns to kill youth; the government poured old rags into paper money and we were debauched in our own hypocrisy. The politician said the war was to unite the world, but it has done the opposite. We were all thankful when the butchery was over, but again the guns are ready to bark in the Far East. All the peace and economic conferences the nations have had, including the League of Nations, have been a failure. . . . The world is seeking a leader, and their leader is before them if they will only heed him. He is Jesus."

Devil-Heaven-Virgin Birth

FROM a questionnaire sent out to the clergy of Chicago by the Northwestern University, it is revealed that 44 percent of Congregationalists, 45 percent of Episcopalians, 70 percent of Methodists, 59 percent of Presbyterians, and 24 percent of Baptists do not believe there is a Devil; 44 percent of Congregationalists, 35 percent of Methodists, 28 percent of Presbyterians, and 22 percent of Baptists do not believe there is a heaven; 94 percent of Congregationalists, 89 percent of Episcopalians, 89 percent of Methodists, 95 percent of Presbyterians, 70 percent of Baptists, and 76 percent of Lutherans do not believe in the virgin birth of our Lord.

Pope Afraid of What Is Coming

THE pope issued a warning that a world-wide conflict may come, and wanted a world-wide spiritual revival to avoid Armageddon. Well, the thing that he fears is just the thing that is coming, and nothing can stop it or should do so. Armageddon is necessary; it is the Lord's method of cleaning up the earth and making it a fit place in which to live. When it is over, all the clergy will be for ever a thing of the past.

Eenie Meenie Minie Moe

POPE CLEMENT VII ruled that the "holy shroud" of Turin, Italy, could be displayed to the public only if the priests told them it was a copy of the original garment. But now the official organ of the pope speaks of it as genuine. Why not? Look at all the money it raked in during the "Holy Year"! Two papal commissions are now examining the shroud to determine if it is genuine, and a book will be published on the subject. The book will show that the shroud is genuine; that is why it is to be written. If confession is made that the shroud is a swindle, why write a book about it?

Ground Hog Superstitions

ODDLY enough, it was on so-called "Ground Hog Day" that the interview with the pope was published in which the pope urged world-wide prayer that Armageddon might be averted. Just why the alleged "vicar of Christ" in earth should want a postponement of the big fight that is going to put an end to all hypocrisy and Devil religion in the earth is something only the pope can explain.

Protestants May Have Part in the Tortures

THE pope recently said to the Dominicans that when he gets ready to put the Inquisition in active operation again he wants them to be back on the job as the inquisitors, as they were of yore. That is interesting. And it now transpires that the Protestants are in training for their part as fellow-inquisitors. An inquisitor who balks at torture is of no good, and so the Devil is training a large and enthusiastic army in the school of vivisection. Protestants are strong for this. The Right Reverend T. Albert Moore, D.D., S.T.D., LL.D., moderator of the United Church of Canada, in a letter boosting the work of "the Canadian Social Hygiene Council, for the prevention of diphtheria through toxoid inoculation", recently said: "It

might also be pointed out that in the province of Quebec diphtheria prevention through toxoid inoculation has the unqualified approval of the Catholic church. Announcements urging parents to protect their children with toxoid are frequently made from the pulpit by the parish priests." Toxoid is the new dope with which the vivisectionists are experimenting since they came to agreement that the toxin-antitoxin formerly recommended is really of no good. The Protestant churches in Canada recently issued an intermediate "Sunday School Quarterly" with a lesson in it on vivisection. Now wouldn't it be a good joke, when the Catholic and Protestant inquisitions both get to going, under the direction of trained vivisectionists, if they should suddenly take up the idea of using one another's officers as their subjects of experiment?

Willing to Pray, for Ten Bucks

AN ITEM comes to us from Lehighton, Pa., giving the following details: "The priest came to a miner by the name of Anthony Madarea, who met with an accident last Wednesday. Madarea fell down a slope 150 feet when a large weight of coal, rock and dirt, estimated at 40 tons, gave way. His back was broken at several places; also both legs were broken from the hips, and both paralyzed; and he suffered internal injuries. He was unconscious until the Saturday following, but regained consciousness. The priest stated to him that if he paid \$10 he would pray for him; he replied to the priest that he could not pay the \$10; then the priest left his bedside in the hospital without offering a prayer for his recovery. This is true. The patient has no faith in him any more."

Virtues of Self-Torturing Devices

MOST people of common sense would say there is no virtue in torturing oneself. Nevertheless, a dispatch from Vatican City states that Maria Micaela was made a saint, the outstanding reason being that when she attended balls and parties, in the middle of the nineteenth century, she had beneath her clothing self-torturing devices. Nobody but the Devil would imagine there was any virtue in a scheme of that kind. Recently, a Washington (D.C.) undertaker disclosed that he had cared for the body of a poor Catholic woman who wore a knotted rope about her hips until her entire abdomen was one mass of callouses.

Odd Use for the Missing Foot

IT SEEMS that in a church at Paris they had a foot of Saint Victor, said to be 1,600 years old. Recently somebody swiped it, and the priest in charge announces that in eternity the thief will be kicked by the foot which he stole unless he returns it. This raises interesting pictures in the mind. If you see a one-legged man in heaven or elsewhere bearing down on some luckless individual, and about to give him a swift kick, you will know that it is Saint Victor. If the kick lands all right an investigation will show that it was planted, not by the foot on which the one-legged man hobbles around, but by the one that was swiped from the priest. There doesn't seem to be any reason why Saint Victor should not kick him with both feet, except that it is rather inconvenient to have both feet off the ground at the same time. If the priest had not told us which foot would be used we would suggest that Vic sock the man with his spiritual crutch and let it go at that. How did the priest get the foot in the first place? Maybe Vic came back and got it on the sly and the priest is in for trouble in the spirit realm, when he lands there, if he ever does. By rights Vic ought to both kick him and sock him with the crutch for keeping his foot in the show case 1,600 years, making him hobble all over heaven and other places so long without it.

Will Take Money and Assume Responsibility

"TRUTH," 412 Eighth Avenue, New York, is willing to take \$2 for a couple of masses. It seems, according to the circular, that "one mass heard by you during life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after death; you shorten your purgatory by every mass; you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs". The circular then adds, thoughtfully, "Inclose the amount in the small envelope, place it in the larger envelope, mail it to us, and we shall assume all responsibility in the transaction." This all sounds very reasonable on the basis that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and the mass-purveyors would rather have your \$2 now than trust to getting some from somebody else saying masses for you later. We can also see why they are willing to assume the responsibility. They evidently think they will never be called to account. But that is where they are wrong.

Studies in Art

THE Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, Missouri, has a list of 31 booklets, priced at 10c each. Some of the titles are: "God Himself Our Sacrifice," "Wonders of the Miraculous Crucifix," "Devotion to the Holy Wounds," "Devotion to Mary," "Mary, Mother of God," "Mary, Our Mother," "Under Mary's Mantle," "De Montfort's Devotion to Mary," and "The Rosary, My Treasure". The cover of the booklet or price list is entitled "Devotion to the Most Holy Trinity". It contains a picture of a hard-faced old gentleman in a white beard. He has a triple crown upon his head. His head is connected with the head of a younger man by a design which has as its central feature a dove with wings outspread. The younger man is exhibiting two hands and one foot in which may be seen great gaping wounds. Both of them, or all three of them, if we count the connecting dove as one, are supported by a platform resting upon the shoulders of twelve angels. Above their heads are twenty-four more angels looking down upon the scene. The hard-faced old gentleman has in one hand a trident, and in the other a sphere surmounted by a small cross. The younger man is reclining against and is partly supporting a huge cross. And that's all for now.

A Little Late for the Tombola

READERS are a little late for the annual tombola, which, it seems, is pulled off once a year by the Monastery of the Precious Blood, 2161 Cameron Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. The original offer came on a strip of five tickets at 25c a ticket, total \$1.25 for the piece of paper. In return the holder was to get either a wrist watch, a ton of coal, a luncheon set, a rosary, or a crucifix; awards under the lottery were to be made January 15, 1934. Lotteries are illegal in the United States, and even if you had won the ton of coal it would have been bothersome to send it by parcel post across the border. But there is nothing to hinder your parting with the \$1.25. Not sure if the "Sisters of the Precious Blood", as they call themselves, would accept it; but you might try them and see. It must be all O.K.; for they do business under the protection of Saints Joseph, Anthony and Brigid of Ireland, and surely a saint ought to be on the level, anyway. Come to think of it, you can't sent lottery money through the mails.

Barefaced Lottery in Canada

THE Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish, P. F. Hughes, 2140 Cameron Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, is operating a barefaced lottery under the name of "Spring Fair" "Grand Charity Drive". A book of five tickets is \$1.00; single tickets, 25c. Each ticket is numbered; prizes are 35 in number, ranging from \$25 in cash down. Lotteries are illegal in the United States and should be illegal everywhere. We wonder how this matter goes through the Canadian mails, and if the lottery is worked through the United States mails also. The return envelope for the lottery tickets and remittances is cleverly masked. It reads "Salve Regina Fund, Archdiocese of Regina, 2140 Cameron Street, Regina, Sask., Canada". Nobody would be likely to identify such an envelope as carrying either lottery tickets or lottery remittances.

The Slow-Baking Department

SOME one sent in a picture of the slow-baking department put out by The Purgatorian Society, St. Peter's church, 1019 North 5th street, Philadelphia. At the bottom are ten writhing in the flames; to the left are six either in the slow-baking department or just being released from it. In the center is a priest holding up a goblet of wine, with two altar boys kneeling behind him. At the top and down one side are thirty angels that belong to the rescue or fire squad, and in the center of the top is the Devil, with outstretched hands, blessing the whole scheme for the dishonoring of the name of Jehovah, the true and living God.

Raised Up for Veneration

HERE is a letter from Cardinal Dougherty to a priest in his own city in which he says: "... before long a bishop of this diocese of Philadelphia will be raised to the altars of our churches for veneration of the faithful." The lady who sends in the item, once a Catholic, very properly designates this as "stark idolatry, man deified, pure paganism".

1,000,000 Persons Swindled

AS A RESULT of centuries of propaganda 1,000,000 persons were swindled recently at Trier, Germany, where they paid to see the alleged robe of Christ worn just prior to His crucifixion. The exhibition lasted five weeks.

A Suggestion to Reverend Gould

A NEWSPAPER in the west of Ireland says in an advertisement: "The first thought of a Catholic in the month of November is for his dead. Patiently in the cleansing flames they await the help of their dear ones to enable them to pass to their eternal reward. . . . Send all names and petitions (sealed) to me, Reverend B. Gould, St. John's, Gravelly Hill, Birmingham. I will send the Novena Prayer and a mortuary card. When sending your petition I beg of you to send me a mite to help me to build a church and pay for a school in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. These are hard days for me." Our suggestion to the "Reverend" is that he give up this crooked way of making a living and do some kind of honest work. Another suggestion would be that he persuade the Devil, who he acknowledges is his partner, to turn the gas down a little, and not make the climate of this purgatory place so hot. He could also explain to the Devil that suckers are fewer and farther between than they used to be. Not sure if any of these will be acceptable.

Checking Up on the Bones

THEY have been having a grand time checking up on the old bones down at Georgetown University, Washington. When they got through with the audit they had three boxes of old bones more than they figured on, and now believe these boxes contain some of the earthly material in which certain saints walked around in Rome or elsewhere sixteen centuries ago. Of course, they may not be the identical bones of the saints in question; or even if they are it is not certain which is which; and they may even be sheep bones, or calf bones; but they are valuable for exhibition purposes.

The Holy House of Loretto

THE reason that Our Lady of Loretto is the patroness of aviators, if you will believe it, is that in 1291 the angels carried the house in Nazareth where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived all the way from Nazareth to Loretto, Italy, where they parked it on a hillside and the Roman Catholic priests built a church around it. It seems that the angels shifted the house twice within four years after the airplane trip from Palestine, but finally left it in a place where business would be good.

Remedy for Constipation

SAYS Lydia G. Wentworth, of Massachusetts: "Remembering the interest which your magazine has taken in past years in the subject of health, I send to you the following prescription, by a distinguished physician, which is a sure remedy for constipation, the precursor of so many different diseases. A great advantage is that it can be made in any household. It is not an emergency measure, but a positive remedy. Even difficult cases yield with less than the four glasses per day prescribed:

"Take a bunch of carrots and a bunch of celery. Wash and cut into pieces. Put in kettle with about three pints of water and boil briskly for twenty minutes. Then add a handful of spinach, carefully washed, and boil for ten minutes more; strain all through a sieve and add enough water to make two quarts. For a stubborn case take four glasses daily, at intervals. This is unfailing and can be continued until complete relief is effected. A person in normal health should have two, or even three, bowel movements every day. This prescription is a great help in high blood pressure, arthritis, diabetes and nervousness. It should not be prepared in an aluminum utensil; nothing should."

A Tea Made of Apples

JAMES A. WILLIAMS, of Lithuania, offers the following for those who he thinks will soon be giving up the caffeine drinks: "Slice some apples (washed but not peeled) into about one-sixth-inch slices. Dry slowly in a pan lined with white paper, by placing in an oven, which, of course, must not be shut. When thoroughly dry, roast until a dark-brown color (closing the oven door, of course). Store in a dry place. Infuse as needed, in the same manner as tea, but do not throw away until the brew is thoroughly weak. Dilute with boiled water and sweeten to taste. Use glasses for preference (a la russe). The tea has a most appetizing flavor and color and is not spoiled by standing a day or longer."

A Way to Make Use of Garlic

J. A. WILLIAMS, of Lithuania, finds that he can get all the benefits of garlic, without its unpleasant after-effects, by cutting the bulb in two, lengthwise and crosswise, and swallowing the small particles with a large draught of water from a good-sized spoon. He takes this each morning, followed by the juice of a lemon, and after an hour no odor is discernible.

A Good Word for Ginseng

A SUBSCRIBER in the Bronx says: "You certainly know how to turn out a perfectly consistent paper, and an inspirational one. I hope the time arrives when *The Golden Age* makes its appearance on every news stand in the United States. I would like to see you take another crack at aluminum pots; it is time the folks knew enough to throw the aluminum pots into the Hudson before the aluminum pots throw them into the Hudson. Also, you cannot really say too much for ginseng. It has an awkward, feeble taste, appears like the shadow of a shade, yet it causes the sick to rise and run about, full of vim, vigor and vitality. I believe soy beans have a tendency to prevent appendicitis."

Life at 320 Degrees Below Zero

IN THE University of Pittsburgh a doctor and another man immersed a turtle in liquid air and kept it there, at 320 degrees below zero, for ten minutes, just to see how long it could live. A subscriber says animatedly: "The quicker this lousy bunch is exterminated, the better for the world."

Smallpox a Dirt Disease

IN THE four years 1928 to 1931 inclusive, the deaths from smallpox in Madras, India, were 307 times as great per million of population as in London. In Bombay they were 551 times as great, and in Calcutta they were 597 times as great. Vaccination is compulsory in all three of the British Indian cities.

Gallstone Remedy Works O.K.

WORD from several subscribers establishes the fact that a tumblerful of olive oil, followed by lying on the right side for the night, causes gallstones to be passed off in a natural manner, with no danger, and almost no expense.

People to Avoid

A SPEAKER at the Chicago Executives' Club who says that everybody will be insane by the year 2139 recommends that to keep a level head the people to be avoided are gossips, critics, chisellers, the timid, the despondent, the parasitical, the arrogant, the fanatical, the obstinate, the melancholy, self-piteous, jealous, envious, angry, pessimists, and the painfully good.

Teeth and Turnips*By a Farmer's Wife*

IN JUNE of 1928 I went to my dentist for a dental examination and to make arrangements to have necessary work done on my teeth. Among other things, the dentist declared that my teeth were badly in need of cleaning. Sickness prevented my returning to him on the date set; and when I did go back for the work it was November.

During the interval I had not taken any better care of my teeth than previously; so you may imagine my surprise when he exclaimed, "How nice and clean your teeth are!" He said that my teeth did not need cleaning at all. This puzzled me for a while, and then a light began to dawn on me.

That autumn had brought us an abundance of very sweet, crisp turnips, and I had been eating them raw almost every day for several weeks. We served great slices of them at our meals, and ate them with bread, butter and a little salt. We seemed never to tire of them. I reasoned that the act of masticating the turnips not only scoured and exercised the teeth, but also liberated mineral-laden juices which both tended to correct unhealthy mouth conditions and served to nourish and harden the teeth.

I had also been eating raw apples. Later the dentist suggested that these might have been responsible for the improved conditions. But I had eaten apples plentifully before, when turnips were not available, but without the same gratifying results, although there is no doubt that the apple is very beneficial.

Here is a salad of which we do not tire, and which guests soon come to like as well as we do:

- Five or six large, crisp, sweet turnips
- Two or three medium-sized carrots
- One pulverized onion
- One-half cupful raisins

Run all but the raisins through a food chopper, mix, and add this dressing:

- One cup sweet milk
- Two teaspoonfuls salt
- Two dashes red pepper
- One-half cup vinegar
- or juice of one lemon
- One tablespoonful cornstarch
- Two-thirds teaspoonful mustard
- Two eggs
- One tablespoonful butter or olive oil
- One-fourth teaspoonful celery salt

Sugar added improves the taste of this salad, for some. It may be varied by adding nuts or apples. This dressing is cooked; but all the vegetables in the salad are used in the raw state.

A combination of cream, salt, sugar, and lemon juice may be used instead of the cooked dressing.

Vaccination Persecutions

AT CARLISLE, Pa., William Marsh, South Middleton farmer, was sent to jail for five days for refusal to have his two children vaccinated. Two years ago two other of his daughters went blind because of vaccination; so says the *Philadelphia Record*. At Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. Maria J. Brought was fined \$5 and costs for each of five weeks her child was not in school. At the trial it was brought out that every school day for the five weeks the mother had brought the child to school, but every day the child had been refused admittance because not vaccinated. Mrs. Brought objects to vaccination on the ground that a person's life is in the blood and should not be defiled; also, another child became ill when vaccinated.

Six Thousand Paralytics Treated

IN THE past four years six thousand sufferers of infantile paralysis have been treated, most of them free of charge, in the violet ray swimming pool of Israel Zion hospital, New York city. The children sit in floating baskets, kicking their sick legs in the water, while nurses, trained for the work, help them to exercise their weak muscles.

Smallest Known Death Rate

THE year 1933 was distinguished for having the smallest known death rate among the millions of industrial policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The vitality of the American people seems unimpaired in spite of all they have passed through since the end of the boom in the year 1929.

Corpse Objects to Ride in Hearse

A GIRL in Lorient, Lower California, state of Mexico, died of a heart attack, according to the doctors who examined her. On the way to the cemetery she inquired where she was being taken. There did not seem to be any good reason for burying her, and so she was returned home as well as before the attack took place.

What Is Real Baptism?

DEFINED according to the inspired Word of God, "baptism" (from the Greek word *baptein*, meaning to dip, to dip in or under) means 'to be buried; to be interred; to be hid away, out of sight'. It means the consecration of oneself; the full and unconditional devoting of oneself, and acceptance by the Lord. Romans 6:4 says: "We are buried with him by baptism into death." A thing cannot be buried, interred, or hidden, by sprinkling a few drops of water upon it from some religious font.

Israel Baptized

Some sixteen hundred years before Christ the Hebrews, or Israelites, were sojourning in Egypt, where they were oppressed by the monarch, Pharaoh. Egypt was a type of the world, Satan's organization; while Pharaoh was a type of the Devil, the god of this evil world. (2 Corinthians 4:4) Then Jehovah God sent His prophet, Moses, to Egypt primarily to make a name for Himself, and secondarily to redeem the Israelites. "Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, . . . And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name?" (2 Samuel 7:22, 23) Before Moses could become the deliverer of the nation of Israel that people must agree to obey and follow Moses as the one sent of Jehovah God. Their full and unconditional agreement to follow Moses meant that they had fully committed themselves to Moses. This constituted their baptism unto Moses.

Then Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. When they reached the Red sea they were closely pursued by the Egyptians. God caused a cloud to stand between His people and the enemy, burying His people out of sight of the Egyptians; also, He caused the sea to divide and to stand on each side of them as they passed through to safety. By this means they were buried in the cloud and in the sea; and thus was symbolized their baptism unto Moses. Concerning this the apostle Paul wrote: "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our [Hebrew] fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."—1 Corinthians 10:1, 2.

On the night preceding their deliverance from Egypt the Israelites held their first passover feast, by slaying the passover lamb and feasting

upon it. This was according to God's law. There Jehovah God made the law covenant by Moses as the mediator for Israel while in Egypt and at the time of the slaying of the paschal lamb. The inauguration of this law covenant took place in the season of Pentecost, or about fifty days after the Israelites were brought out of Egypt and had come to Mount Sinai (Mount Horeb). (Exodus 19:1-25; 20:1-21) At that time God made promise of the coming of One greater than Moses and of whom Moses was a type; to Moses God said: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth." (Deuteronomy 18:15-19) The apostle Peter identified this Greater Prophet to come as being Christ Jesus. (Acts 3:20-23) The law was made a schoolmaster to lead Israel unto Christ, that great Deliverer. (Galatians 3:23, 24) But the Jews lost confidence in the promises made by Jehovah; and when the time drew near for the coming of Jesus, the antitype of Moses, there was only a remnant in the proper heart condition to receive the Lord.

The purpose of the law covenant with the Jews was to get for Jehovah a "people for his name"; but that covenant failed because of the imperfection of the Jews. When Christ Jesus, the Greater Moses, came, He was the "seed" according to Jehovah's promise to Abraham, "the friend of God," and those Jews who were then found faithful were transferred from Moses to Christ and thereby were made a part of the "people for his name". The faithful disciples of Jesus Christ were striking examples of this fact. They were already consecrated to do the will of God and had been baptized into Moses "in the cloud and in the sea", and now it was not necessary for them to again undergo baptism. Moses was the mediator for all of God's chosen people, the nation of Israel. They "were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea". Moses was therefore the mediator for all such and none other; hence the Jews that were found faithful at the coming of Christ Jesus were transferred from Moses to Christ. Christ was made the mediator for all such and for all Gentiles who covenant to do the will of God.

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . . Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all

Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." (Matthew 3:1-6) "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for [margin: unto] the remission of sins." (Mark 1:4) John was announcing Jesus, the antitype of Moses, who had come to do the work that Moses could not do. The Jews had not been living up to the terms of their covenant, even to the best of their ability. They were commanded, therefore, to repent of their sins against God's arrangement with them under the law covenant; and by being baptized they thus testified that they acknowledged their sins and repented of them, preparatory to the washing away of their sins by the blood of Christ. (Hebrews 9:14, 15; Revelation 1:5) Of course, this baptism applied to the Jews only; for no other people was a party to the law covenant, and this baptism by John could apply to none other than God's covenant people.—Acts 19:1-7.

Some professing Christians have for a long time practiced and yet practice "John's baptism". Without doubt they do it ignorantly. One powerful religious church system practicing water immersion claims it was founded by John the Baptist. But since no Gentile or non-Jew was a party to the law covenant, and since John's baptism was exclusively for Jews, it follows that the practicing of John's baptism is without any avail to Gentiles at any time. The water immersion of the Jews by John only testified that they had repented of their sins and were looking to Jehovah God's provision to wash them away. Long centuries ago God's special favor to the Jews under the law covenant ceased because of their rejection of Christ Jesus.

The sin of the world which affects all men is the sin resulting from Adam's disobedience. (Romans 5:12) Every one of the human race has been born imperfect, and every imperfect creature before God is a sinner. The provision for the remission of such sin is only through the blood of Jesus. "Without shedding of blood is no remission." (Hebrews 9:22) John the baptizer did not say that to repent and be baptized would take away *the sin* of the world. On the contrary, after he had practiced this baptism for six months, Jesus appeared and John pointed to Jesus and said: "Behold the *Lamb of God*, which taketh away *the sin* of the world." (John 1:29) It is only by exercise of faith in the shed blood of Jesus and by the imputation of the

merit of His sacrifice that the great sin of man can be taken away. It is clear, then, that mere water immersion at any time does not remit the sin and that such water immersion does not constitute real baptism.

Real Baptism

Real baptism can therefore be understood only by understanding why Jesus was baptized. Jesus was born after the flesh a Jew; therefore in harmony with the law covenant. (Galatians 4:4, 5) He was at all times perfect and without sin. Therefore His baptism could have nothing whatsoever to do with remission of sins, for He had none. It will be observed also that He was not baptized as a babe (Luke 2:21-39), nor as a child of twelve years of age when His parents lost Him in Jerusalem and later "found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions". (Luke 2:41-51) Hence there could be no authority for infant immersion.

When Jesus was about thirty years of age, being then of legal majority under the terms of God's law covenant with Israel, He presented himself to John the baptizer to be baptized. John knew that Jesus was not a sinner; therefore he protested, saying, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."—Matthew 3:14, 15.

According to Numbers 4 those who ministered in the house of God, the Levites, were numbered from thirty years old upward. Jesus had reached that age. Immediately upon reaching that age He entered upon the performance of the work for which He had come to the earth. He came to exercise His own will in full harmony with God's will. Therefore He gladly devoted himself to Jehovah. That constituted the consecration of himself as a perfect man to do the will of God, whatever that might be concerning Him. Here it was that He entered into a covenant with His Father. A *covenant* means a solemn agreement or contract. Unconditionally giving himself to God constituted His part of entering into that covenant. That covenant led to His death as a man.

At the Jordan river, when baptized, Jesus presented himself without spot or blemish unto God in fulfilment of the prophecy previously written concerning Him: "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book [the Bible] it

is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:7, 8; Hebrews 10:5-9) That was the "covenant with me by sacrifice" between God and Christ Jesus, since it was the will of God that He should be a sacrifice. (Psalm 50:5) There Jesus unconditionally offered himself to do whatsoever was the will of God, and it was then the will of God that Christ Jesus should be the Vindicator of His holy name and word; and that to qualify for such He must maintain His integrity toward God under the most severe test even unto an ignominious death, and that His lifeblood poured out should be and is the redemptive price for man. 'And for this cause He is made the mediator of the new covenant.' (Hebrews 9:15, *A.R.V.*) Jehovah God gave to Jesus the ministry of the new covenant, that is, the work of taking out a "people for his name"; and this ministry is more excellent than that committed to Moses. (Hebrews 8:6) When the apostles believed on the Lord Jesus as the Christ and left all to follow Him, that marked the time of their entering into a covenant by sacrifice. (Luke 18:28-30; Matthew 16:24, 25) The covenant by sacrifice means to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as the ransom and, based on this faith, to exercise such faith by unconditionally agreeing to do the will of God. Three and one-half years after Jesus entered the covenant by sacrifice God made the new covenant with Him. (Matthew 26:27, 28; Jeremiah 31:31-34) This seems clearly to fix the rule that no one can be taken into the new covenant until after having entered into a covenant with Jehovah by sacrifice.

At His baptism in the Jordan Jesus made and began the performance of His covenant by sacrifice and which performance was finished at Calvary. Because of His covenant by sacrifice, which sacrifice was holy and acceptable unto God, Jesus is made the mediator of the new covenant. (Hebrews 8:6; 9:14, 15) The new covenant is a means of providing a people to bear testimony to the name of Jehovah, and who may have a part in the vindication of His name. The mere fact that a mediator is provided shows that others would be joined with Christ Jesus in the vindication of Jehovah's name. These "others" are those taken into the new covenant after it is made with Christ Jesus, and after they have made a covenant with Jehovah God by sacrifice and have been accepted by Jehovah as His sons.

From the divine standpoint Jesus was counted dead *as a man* from the time of His baptism in Jordan forward. There began His baptism. That real baptism was completed when He died upon the tree. As proof that it began at Jordan and progressed and ended at Calvary, we have His own words. "Can ye . . . be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" He asked those who requested a position of special favor in His kingdom. (Mark 10:38) Thereafter He again said: "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" (Luke 12:50) The covenant He made with Jehovah at the time of the complete offering of himself at the Jordan was executory, that is, in process of being carried into effect from that time forward. That same covenant was completed on the tree at Calvary, and hence there became fully executed. God *counted* His baptism as completed at the Jordan. His real baptism was *actually* completed when, on the tree, He cried: "It is finished."

The water immersion of Jesus was an open testimony to the effect that He had entered into a covenant with Jehovah to do the Father's will, which covenant was entered into by the full offering of himself to the Father. His being buried in the water was proof of His complete immersion into the will of His Father. His being raised out of the water testified that He had entered upon a new course of higher life and action, which the Father had provided for Him. From that time forward He was carrying out His covenant as the Father willed it. He learned His Father's will after His immersion in Jordan. In proof of this it is recorded: 'When Jesus was baptized, he went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him.'—Matthew 3:16.

From there He went to the wilderness, where for forty days and nights He studied the Word of God, properly applying the "shadows" (types) and prophecies thereof to himself. (Matthew 4:1-11) By this means and by sweet communion with the Father He ascertained the Father's will. To carry out His Father's arrangement meant that He must be broken in body and must pour out His lifeblood to provide the ransom price for man and qualify as Jehovah's vindicator. It was the completion of His covenant in actual death that He had in mind when He said: "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" It was finished at Calvary.

Baptism of Footstep Followers

Addressing himself to the followers of Jesus, the apostle Peter wrote: "Even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:21) The baptism of Christ's disciples, therefore, must be in the same manner and for the same reason that Jesus was baptized. The apostle Paul corroborates this view when he says: "We are buried with him by baptism into death."—Romans 6:4.

The real baptism for a true Christian, one of Jehovah's witnesses, is therefore, as the apostle Paul states, being buried with Christ into death, a sacrificial death. This sacrificial death takes place (so far as the man is concerned) at the time he is justified by God through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, and is accepted for sacrifice and is begotten by the spirit of Jehovah as a son of God. Such being then taken into the new covenant to be of the "people for his name" and proving faithful thereto under test, he is baptized into Jesus Christ, the Mediator of the new covenant. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." (Romans 6:3-5) Paul states that the nation of Israel was baptized unto (into) Moses and that Christians are baptized into Christ. The baptism of the nation of Israel showed the full consecration of that nation to follow Moses as Jehovah's representative and their deliverer. The baptism into Christ shows that the Christians are fully consecrated to do the will of God, following Christ Jesus as their deliverer. These are baptized into Christ's death; that is to say, their real baptism consists in being joint-sacrificers with Christ Jesus.

Symbol and Necessity

Symbolic baptism, that is, baptism in water, is performed for the purpose of showing that one has made a full and unconditional consecration to do Jehovah God's will through faith in Christ Jesus. The one who administers the water immersion for that particular purpose pictures the Lord Jehovah. The one being immersed, completely submitting himself to the

administrator as Jesus did to John, illustrates how he has consecrated himself wholly, submitting himself completely to another; thus showing the complete submission to the Lord. The administrator raising the immersed one up out of the water beautifully pictures how the Lord raises up those immersed to walk in newness of life. *Complete immersion in water is the Scriptural symbolic baptism.*

The proper and Scriptural time to perform the symbol is within a reasonable time after one has consecrated himself to the Lord. In fact, the one who appreciates the privilege of following the Lord will give diligence to follow His course in the performance of the symbol. One inquires: "When I became a member of a denominational church I was immersed in water, which immersion I understood to be for the remission of sins. Was that immersion correct and sufficient?" The proper answer is that it was of no avail, because not performed for the Scriptural purpose.

Another says: "When I united with the Baptist church I was immersed in water. Since that organization practices the proper symbol, should I be immersed again after having come to a knowledge of the present truth?" The proper answer is: If, when immersed in the water, the one so immersed had prior thereto fully consecrated himself to Jehovah God by Christ Jesus, then there would be no necessity for repeating the symbol after coming to a knowledge of the "present truth". (2 Peter 1:12) On the other hand, if at the time of water immersion he had not previously fully consecrated to the Lord, then the water immersion was of no value. The controlling question is, Had the person so immersed fully consecrated before the performance of the symbol? If in doubt as to that, the doubt should be resolved in one's own favor and all doubt be removed from the mind by performing the symbol again.

Is there any real virtue in water immersion? There is no virtue in the water itself, but the real virtue arises from obedience to the Lord's arrangement. If we see that Jesus was immersed in water in order to fulfil all righteousness and that He left us an example, then we see what a privilege it is to take the step He took in symbolizing the real consecration by water immersion. It would seem that if after one came to a knowledge of the reality and the purpose of the symbol such person would then fail or refuse to perform the water symbol, such

a one would show a disregard of the Lord's provisions and probably would be greatly retarded in gaining a knowledge of the truth and the great issue. 'It is better to obey than to sacrifice.' It is the obedience in performing the symbol when it is seen and appreciated that is really pleasing to the Lord.

Jonadab Class (2 Kings 10: 15-23)

There is today a class of people of good will toward Jehovah God and toward His witnesses, and who correspond to Jonadab the supporter of King Jehu. In a parable (Matthew 25: 31-46) Jesus pictured such class as sheep because they have endeavored to do good to the Lord Jesus by doing good unto the least of His brethren on earth today, Jehovah's witnesses.

Those of this class realize that they are not anointed with Jehovah's spirit as His witnesses and hence are not Christians called to the heavenly calling nor taken into the covenant for the heavenly kingdom with Christ Jesus. Hence they inquire: "What can I do?" To such question the Scriptural response is: Have you taken your stand on the side of Jehovah? If so, that means that you are trusting in the precious blood of Christ Jesus shed for the remission of sins and that you have made a consecration or agreement to do the will of Jehovah God. It would be proper for you to symbolize that agreement or consecration by water immersion in the presence of witnesses. Anyone who trusts

in Jehovah and Christ Jesus could administer or perform the baptismal service.

Such should then diligently study the Word of God together with His provided helps that they may learn meekness and righteousness. (Zephaniah 2: 2, 3) If in their community there are others interested, so that four or five of them (or more) can get together for Bible study, that would be a good thing. The time has come when the words of Jesus are being fulfilled (Revelation 22: 17): "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." The Jonadab class have heard the good news. They should then tell it to others. Let them take advantage of such opportunities and time as they have to call on other persons and tell them of the kingdom of Jehovah by Christ Jesus and of His gracious provision for the human family.

The Lord is now separating the "sheep" from the "goats" (the disobedient ones). This He is doing by bringing to their attention the great truths of His Word. The "sheep" must do their part to get the truth to the people. This means that you are joining no earthly organization, religious or otherwise, but that you are joining yourself to the Lord, as Jonadab did to Jehu, and are joyfully serving Him, appreciating the fact that His kingdom under Christ is the hope of the human race.—Matthew 12: 21.

"The River of the Water of Life"

THE effect of the "pure river of water of life" when it comes in contact with the God-fearing and the sincere is well illustrated by the following letter.

In publishing this letter, we warn Mr. C—— that *The Golden Age* is scanned critically, not only by its friends, but by its enemies. We warn him to be on the lookout for these enemies and to remember that the worst of all enemies are those who claim to be friends but who are not true and faithful at heart.

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My dear Brethren:

Beg to advise you on last Sunday, March 11, '34, a Christian lady stopped at my home with literature and I was a very sick man at the time she was talking to me. Nevertheless I received two small books, one named *Intolerance*; and I have read and reread this book, which is very interesting to me, owing to the fact it certainly tells the Truth. When it comes to the Roman Catholic church, I can and will confirm all statements contained in this little book pertaining to Romanism. I am sorry to say I was born and raised a Roman Catholic and studied three years for a priest and lived a Catholic for almost thirty years. On July 14, 1919, at Cedar Lake, Ind., Moody Conference Grounds, under preaching of Paul Rader I found "Jesus the Christ". Amen, it happened to me. Thank God for His power to change a man's life; praise God for ever; I have read a great many of Judge Rutherford's books; he certainly puts out the Truth.

From the little *Intolerance* book, page 40, which I now have before me, I quote or read as follows: "The head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy announced that the year 1933 is a holy year, made so by his own personal declaration. . . . The Catholic press throughout the land denounced me for making that speech, and made many false statements against me. I replied in a letter addressed to them, and, they having failed to publish it, the *Golden Age* magazine has published it [Thank God for that. Amen.], and each of you may have a copy of that letter, together with the speech."

Now my dear good brethren, I am asking you for a copy of this letter, also copy of *Golden Age* magazine containing the speech, thanking you very kindly in advance for same. May God bless you all in your work. I would not part with this little book *Intolerance* for any set amount, say ten dollars, knowing I could not get another one.

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Thanking you in advance for an early reply, beg to remain

Your humble servant in the King's service,
T. C. C—.

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The radio is not a human invention. It is God's creation permitted by Him to be brought into action in these last days for the enlightenment of the people. The proper use of the radio would be to honor Jehovah God the Almighty Creator. While the Almighty God could, to be

sure, confine the use of radio exclusively to His service, it pleases Him to permit men to exercise their free will at this time in the use thereof, thus giving men an opportunity to honor or to dishonor His name.

Satan, the great adversary of Jehovah God and who rules the present evil world, seeks to deceive all men and turn them away from the true God. A great responsibility therefore rests upon the men into whose hands the radio broad-

Widely, in the public press, and noticed in "The Golden Age" No. 394, millions of people already know that Judge Rutherford appeared at Washington, D. C., before the Federal Communications Commission, Broadcasting Division, on October 5, 1934, directly charging the Roman Catholic hierarchy's agents with deliberate mutilation of evidence offered before the House commerce committee, and the partial destruction of some of the proof presented to Congress.

We are now privileged to present to our readers Judge Rutherford's complete address delivered on that occasion. Copies of the address, entitled "Information by the Peoples Pulpit Association, To The Honorable Federal Communications Commission, Broadcasting Division", were provided each member of the Commission, all in legal form, signed by Arthur R. Goux, of the Peoples Pulpit Association, and sworn to before Charles E. Wagner, notary public.

We are sure that all our readers will be intensely interested in this fight for American rights and liberties and for the honor of the name of Jehovah God by this faithful and true witness and will wish to have the story in full, herewith presented.

casting control is committed to see to it that the people have a full and fair opportunity to hear the truth of God's Word, that they might freely determine for themselves what course to take.

Created and organized for the purpose of informing men concerning the vital truths as contained in the Word of God, commonly called the Bible, the Peoples Pulpit Association in the year 1923 built a radio station at New York known as WBBR and since February 24, 1924, has continuously operated said radio station for the benefit of the people particularly in matters pertaining to the Word of God. For convenience and pleasure of the people it also broadcasts programs of world news, classical and semi-classical music (vocal and instrumental), pipe organ, dramatic presentations, and lectures on health, household and agricultural subjects. That station has never broadcast a program for hire. It does not engage in any commercial business. No member or associate thereof receives any pecuniary profit from the operation of the radio station or from any other part of its work.

That this Commission and Congress may have a clearer view of Jehovah's witnesses, their work, and why they appear here, we beg to submit the following further facts, to wit:

More than four thousand years ago Jehovah God, as stated in the Bible, promised to establish a righteous government upon this earth, with Christ Jesus as the invisible King. That promise is certain to be faithfully kept and performed. Two thousand years later, at the birth of Jesus, it was authoritatively declared that He should be Jehovah's instrument to bring peace on earth and good will toward men and this He would do at His coming and His kingdom. The nations of the world are now in great perplexity and distress. The only hope for peace and prosperity, life and happiness among men is the kingdom of God under Christ. For this reason that which is of greatest importance to the people just now is information and knowledge of and concerning Jehovah God and His kingdom.

Several years ago careful and honest students of divine prophecy reached the conclusion that 1914 would mark the beginning of a great world change culminating later in the greatest time of tribulation ever on earth, which trouble will result in the overthrow of Satan and his unrighteous organization, and that such

overthrow will be by the invisible armies of Jehovah, led by Christ Jesus; and that then will follow perpetual peace and prosperity on earth. The physical facts which began to come to pass in 1914, and which have come to pass since that date, fully support these conclusions.

Seeing some of the truths of God's Word, and having a keen desire to know more thereof, and a desire to be of help to their fellow-man in learning the truth, honest men and women from all religious denominations, and without regard to any creeds, came together and organized the aforesaid associations, the members of which are now known as Jehovah's witnesses. They have had but one objective, and that is to give information of and concerning these vital truths to the people who desire to hear and learn.

The main office of the organization of Jehovah's witnesses is at Brooklyn, New York, from which are directed the activities of branch offices in more than thirty-five different nations or countries of the earth. For the sole purpose of advertising the name of Jehovah God and His kingdom these men and women have built printing plants, published and distributed great numbers of books and other literature, built and operated radio stations in different parts of the earth, and used other proper means to carry forward their work.

Christ Jesus is designated in the Scriptures as Jehovah's 'True and Faithful Witness'. When on earth He declared: 'For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear testimony to the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.' (John 18:37) The true followers of Christ Jesus therefore must be witnesses to the name of Jehovah God, and His Word, the Bible, because His Word is the truth.—John 17:17.

Opposition

Throughout the earth there is great opposition to the message delivered by Jehovah's witnesses. This Commission and Congress are entitled to know the reason therefor.

Satan the Devil is the great adversary of Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ, and is also man's worst enemy. To save repeating the proof upon this point reference is made to testimony given at the hearings before the Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries, House of Representatives, Seventy-third Congress, second session, on H. R. 7986, appearing particularly at the bottom of page thirty-

five and pages following, a copy of which testimony is filed herewith and marked Exhibit A.

Satan's method of opposition to the truth as delivered by Jehovah's witnesses, according to the Scriptures and the facts, is to deceive and thereby blind men to the truth and cause them to vigorously oppose the truth. Satan's chief agents or instruments used for this wrongful purpose are religious organizations, and particularly the leaders thereof, as revealed by the Scriptures and the facts.—2 Corinthians 4:3, 4; John 8:44.

Controversial

Jehovah's witnesses have no controversy with men, although they are bitterly opposed by some men. The work of Jehovah's witnesses is to get the truth to the people. Necessarily the truth is controversial because it exposes error, and that was the sole reason why religionists opposed Jesus when He was on earth. It is the expressed will of God that a knowledge of the truth shall be brought to men. The proclamation of the truth provokes controversy, and this is proved by the Scriptures and the indisputable facts.—1 Timothy 2:2-6; John 15:19-21.

Because of the wrongful practices in the use of radio stations, and because of the unjust methods employed to prevent the people from hearing the message of truth by radio, a petition was circulated and signed by approximately two and one-half million citizens of the United States and presented to the Seventy-third Congress. In keeping with Satan's methods of false representations the statement has been made and widely published by certain religious papers that the names signed to that petition were obtained by fraud and misrepresentation. I here brand that statement as a deliberate and infamous lie, which has been published for the purpose of prejudicing this Commission and the Congress. The petition was plainly printed, submitted to the people, and was voluntarily signed by those persons who did sign it. That petition and protest thus signed and filed is in words and figures, to wit, To THE CONGRESS of the United States of America: Greetings!

We, the undersigned people of the United States of America, capable of determining for ourselves what we wish to hear broadcast by radio, without censorship by the clergy or anyone else, hereby PROTEST to the Congress against certain wrongful interference with our rights.

The radio act provides, as we understand, for the broadcasting of that which is in the public interest.

The message of the true God, JEHOVAH, as expressed by Him in the prophecies of His Word (the Bible) and as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of JEHOVAH'S witnesses, is of interest to us. When broadcast, it is convenient for us to hear it in our homes and is necessary for our welfare. We are entitled to hear and desire to hear that message. We disapprove of every attempt to prevent our hearing it broadcast.

The National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message of truth, thus depriving stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear; and against this wrongful action we vigorously PROTEST.

Exercising the right guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States, we therefore respectfully petition the Congress to act at once to safeguard the inherent rights of the American people relative to the radio.

The petition was signed by the greatest number of persons that ever signed a petition presented to any Congress of the United States up to this time. Hearings were had by the Congressional committee above referred to on H. R. 7986, and also before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on H. R. 8301. The testimony submitted at those hearings and made of record is herewith filed as a part of this statement, and marked Exhibits A and B.

Broadcasting Methods

A brief résumé of methods employed and practiced by certain broadcasting corporations and others during the past ten years is here appropriate that a proper understanding may be had as to why there should be a change in the allocation of time and of broadcasting channels for the benefit of the people.

Radio Station WBBR above mentioned was originally assigned a very desirable frequency. At the instance of others that channel was taken away from it and a far less desirable channel assigned. Since then WBBR has operated under a handicap to the disappointment of many.

The programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses are designated Watch Tower programs. In July 1927, by courtesy of the president of the National Broadcasting Company, the chain facilities of that company were used to broadcast a Watch Tower program from Toronto,

Canada. Much interest among the people was aroused and such a great demand for further nation-wide broadcasting of these programs that application was made on behalf of Jehovah's witnesses to the National Broadcasting Company to hire its facilities at convenient times for broadcasting other Watch Tower programs. Although Jehovah's witnesses offered to pay the commercial rate for the use of such chain facilities, the applications were denied, and subsequent applications have been denied.

The chief reason for the denial of such applications has been and is the influence exercised over the National Broadcasting Company's officials by religious clergymen. Yielding to such influence of clergymen, the National Broadcasting Company made and promulgated a rule that no one shall use its facilities for broadcasting Bible talks except they be first approved by its religious advisory committee. Accordingly, that corporation has repeatedly refused to permit anyone to use its facilities to give to the people information on the Bible. It has restricted broadcasting of its so-called religious programs to certain Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew clergymen approved by its own committee. Stated in other phrase, the National Broadcasting Company acts as the self-constituted religious guardian of the American people.

The motive for this manifest face-about change clearly appears. In view of the fact that the president of the National Broadcasting Company so courteously permitted the use of its facilities to Jehovah's witnesses on one occasion, its change of position is due, without doubt, to influence exercised over its officers by professional religionists, and hence against the interests of the American people.

The Columbia Broadcasting System, admittedly following the lead of the National Broadcasting Company, adopted and follows a similar method. Contrary to the Congressional mandate, both of these chain broadcasting companies have thus deprived the people from hearing that which is of public convenience, interest and necessity.

In order to meet the public demand, and in order to get this vital information to the people, Jehovah's witnesses were compelled at stated times to build up a private chain broadcasting arrangement.

Such chain broadcasting, thus privately established, has been accomplished by cooperation of the Bell Telephone organization. This pri-

vate arrangement has entailed an unreasonable expense for Jehovah's witnesses. Such exorbitant cost and expense they have been compelled to bear during the past seven years, and in addition thereto they have been unnecessarily and unfairly excluded from many of the most desirable radio channels and stations in America.

During the past seven years, for private chain broadcasting of only 128 program hours, Jehovah's witnesses have been required to pay more than \$600,000. Had these same programs been broadcast over the entire facilities of the National Broadcasting Company or the Columbia Broadcasting System at their highest commercial rate, the cost to Jehovah's witnesses would have been less than \$200,000.

Private citizens of America have thus been compelled to bear an unnecessary burden of more than \$400,000 because of the arbitrary and unwarranted course pursued by the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System. This large sum of money was voluntarily contributed by citizens of the United States who did so unselfishly and with no hope or prospect of receiving any pecuniary return therefor.

The opposition to Jehovah's witnesses by the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System did not stop with merely refusing their chain facilities, but they have gone further, in attempting to prevent and in preventing privately owned radio stations from taking and broadcasting the programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

The aforementioned broadcasting chain corporations deny interfering with privately owned stations and thus preventing them from broadcasting the chain programs of Jehovah's witnesses. Evidence produced at the Congressional hearings in 1934 shows that such denials are not supported by the facts. See report of hearings on H. R. 7986, pages 94-97. Reference is also made to the testimony of Anton Koerber appearing in record of the hearing on H. R. 8301, beginning at page 299.

The following quotation is taken from that record on pages 303 and 304:

"The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System have a virtual monopoly of effective large-scale broadcasting in the United States. This is accomplished, first, by outright ownership of certain powerful broadcasting stations, and, secondly, by what is known as preferential time

contracts with independently owned stations. These contracts provide that whenever demanded by either chain such independently owned stations are required to yield time to the chain. Such contracts are generally made in writing, but with the N. B. C. this monopolistic control is effected by means of a 'general understanding' as between the respective independently owned stations and N. B. C. This agreement is said by N. B. C. to be not in writing in most cases."

Additionally, the following is quoted from the same record on H. R. 8301, page 306:

"A vice president of Columbia Broadcasting System, Henry Bellows, testified, March 20, 1934, before the House Radio Committee that substantially all C. B. S. stock is owned and controlled by the Paley family. Like the N. B. C., C. B. S. also maintains a self-established censorship, admittedly dictated by Henry Bellows.

"In addition to stations owned by C. B. S. and its subsidiaries, it controls absolutely by contract most of the time of many independently owned stations. While its representative who testified before the House Radio Committee denied the existence of such control, the following excerpts from two contracts made by C. B. S. with a certain station are offered in evidence that such absolute control in fact exists:

" 'Agreement entered into by and between Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York (hereinafter called "Columbia") and . . .

" . . . It is agreed that during the term of this contract the station will not permit the use of its facilities by any other broadcasting chain or network; and that it will not receive programs from or forward programs to any other station, group of stations, chain or network without the specific consent in writing of Columbia.

" . . . It is agreed that during the term of this contract the station will not, without the specific consent in writing of Columbia, permit the use of its facilities by any other broadcasting chain or network; that without such consent it will not receive programs from or forward programs to any other station, group of stations, chain or network; and that without such consent it will not, directly or indirectly, through an agency, representative, or otherwise, sell its facilities for use along with the facilities of any other station or stations as a group."

"For consideration of the chairman of the committee, it is respectfully suggested that C. B. S. be required to file for information of the committee a copy of its contract with stations."

Further upon this point we offer herewith the affidavit of A. R. Goux, marked Exhibit C.

It was the manifest intention of Congress, in enacting the radio law, that all radio facilities shall be used and operated in the interest of the

public, and this is shown by the fact that the Radio Act repeatedly uses the terms "public convenience, interest and necessity".

The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System, taking advantage of the provisions of the law, have builded mighty chain broadcasting organizations. The presumption therefore must be indulged that these broadcasting chain facilities are to be used for public convenience, interest and necessity, and that hence it is not the prerogative of a religious censor committee to determine what the people shall or shall not hear on matters pertaining to the Word of Almighty God.

In other words, a few prejudiced religionists are by the officials of the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System entrusted with the important duty of determining what the people shall or shall not hear on matters pertaining to the Scriptures, and this is done contrary to the letter and the spirit of the law.

And now it appears that the high officials of the National Broadcasting Company and of the Columbia Broadcasting System have been and are working in conjunction with the managing director of the National Association of Broadcasters to impose upon independently owned stations, as far as possible, the recognition of the same improper rules and practices with respect to these matters that have been developed and followed by the two major chain broadcasting systems. In proof of this statement, reference is here made to the speech of Henry A. Bellows, delivered September 17, 1934, before the annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters.

Permit me to remind this Commission that Congress and other public officials are the servants of the people and are obligated to serve the interests of the people and to protect them against the selfish machinations of individuals or groups of individuals who wish to use the radio facilities for private gain.

The policy of our opponents has been (and therefore we anticipate it will be here) to select an isolated sentence and quote it from our literature entirely out of its setting so as to make us appear ridiculous.

If this is done this time and the Commission desires to have the whole facts, we shall be pleased to submit any literature from which the opponents may quote, that full opportunity may be had to examine the entire matter.

Hierarchy

In 1933 the clergy, operating through their publications, and particularly Catholic newspapers, began an open, vigorous campaign against Jehovah's witnesses; and in order to prevent the people from hearing the message of Jehovah's kingdom under Christ, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and others employed threats and coercive and other improper means and influence to deter privately owned radio stations from taking and broadcasting programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

By the term Catholic Hierarchy as here used is meant, not the rank and file of the Catholic system, but the ruling power or group.

The abundant proof submitted to the House radio committee and the House commerce committee at the hearings aforementioned, and which is set forth in the printed record, establishes beyond all doubt that agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy used threats and coercion, expressed through various newspapers and other publications and various organized groups of their sympathizers, including the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the National Council of Catholic Men, the Knights of Columbus, and others, to compel many station owners to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

Additionally, it was proved conclusively that the Hierarchy's official representative, Henry Caravati, acting by authority and with approval of several archbishops and bishops of the Hierarchy, directly conferred about stopping Watch Tower broadcasts with one then a member of the Federal Radio Commission, a zealous Roman Catholic.

It was further proved beyond any question that following that conference with the Catholic member of the Radio Commission, and for many weeks thereafter, agents of the Hierarchy by their publications openly led their readers in all parts of the country to believe that the nation-wide campaign of the Catholic Hierarchy to force all radio stations to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs was approved by and carried on with the knowledge and consent of the Federal Radio Commission.

Copies of such publications containing threats of boycott by agents of the Catholic Hierarchy were freely used in many parts of the country to coerce owners and managers of broadcasting stations and allied business enterprises. Such action was taken to enforce pressure upon those

stations by means of organized letter writing and personal visits of individuals and groups spurred to act by direction of the Roman Catholic clergy. (See printed testimony, hearing on H. R. 7986, pages 35, 113-124. Also, hearing on H. R. 8301, pages 302, 303, 307-318.)

As a result of the nation-wide opposition conducted by the organized clergy and the subsequent action of the members of the Federal Radio Commission in writing officially and specifically to hundreds of radio stations regarding the Watch Tower programs, many radio stations, induced by fear of losing their license, have broken their contracts with Jehovah's witnesses and decline to further broadcast their programs until the matter shall be definitely settled by Congress or its duly constituted authority.

Because of this organized opposition to the message of Jehovah's kingdom, and because the people are thus being deprived of their just rights and privileges, the aforementioned petition was circulated, signed and filed with Congress; and in support of that petition the evidence was offered at the two Congressional hearings already mentioned.

Not content with its accomplishments up to the time of the Congressional hearings on this matter last spring, thereafter the Catholic Hierarchy through its official agents mutilated the official record, partially succeeding in destroying some of the proof presented to Congress. Obviously that was attempted to prevent members of Congress from identifying the Hierarchy's agents and their conduct.

As one example, mention is here made of the deliberate mutilation of certain evidence offered at the hearing on the Communications bill before the House commerce committee, and concerning which the clerk of that committee wrote to the Watch Tower representative at Washington. The clerk's letter is here quoted, and a photostatic copy submitted herewith as Exhibit D.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on
Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Washington, D. C.

June 13, 1934.

Mr. Anton Koerber,
1603 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Koerber:

Reference is made to your inquiry regarding the Chart on page 309 of the hearings before the Com-

mittee on the Federal Communications Commission. The chart upon this page you state should show a letter "S". I have checked this print with the original which was furnished by you, and which was sent to the Government Printing Office, and I note that the letter "S" on this chart was eliminated for some reason, it being plainly visible where the "S" was taken off the diagram.

Very truly yours,
ELTON J. LAYTON
Clerk.

In explanation of the letter of Mr. Layton, the following statement is made:

At the House hearing on the Communications bill a chart was offered in evidence for the purpose of showing the authoritative arrangement of the Catholic Hierarchy's organization and also to show that Mr. Henry Caravati was and is the executive agent of said religious organization and acting as executive secretary and business secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men; also that the said Caravati is the one who conducted the propaganda throughout the United States against the Watch Tower programs and how this was done by him by direction of the higher officials of the Catholic Hierarchy.

Said chart and an explanation thereof appear at pages 308 and 309 of the hearings on H. R. 8301. On page 309, in the chart there shown, immediately following and below the letter "Q" the letter "S" appeared on the chart as originally made. This letter "S" directly located Mr. Caravati as the executive agent of the aforementioned Catholic organization and as the connecting link between the higher officials of the Catholic Hierarchy and the Catholic press and the Federal Radio Commission.

After this chart had been offered in evidence, approved by the committee for publication and delivered to the custody of the clerk thereof, a prominent Catholic who had appeared before the committee called at the office of the clerk of the House commerce committee and asked to see the record including this chart and went over the whole record before it was passed to the Government printer.

When the chart was printed the aforesaid letter "S" did not appear as it had appeared on the original official record.

In further support of this, a photostatic copy of the chart as originally placed in evidence is here now offered to be made a part of the record, marked Exhibit E.

This is also supported by the affidavit of Anton Koerber hereto attached and marked Exhibit F.

World-wide Opposition

It is due this Commission and Congress that information be submitted that the opposition to the use of the radio by Jehovah's witnesses is not confined to the United States. It is an opposition that extends throughout the nations of "Christendom", and it is on such a gigantic scale and so intricately formed and carried on that it is manifest that it could not emanate from a human mind, but that it is the product of the supermind of Satan himself, whom the Lord Jesus denounces as a liar and the father of lies and says that those who follow the methods of Satan are Satan's children.

In this connection we quote the words of Jesus addressed to the clergy in His day:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it."—John 8:44.

As to the facts in support of these assertions we submit the following:

During the past six years in the northern part of New Jersey alone and within the jurisdiction of the Catholic bishop of Trenton there have been arrests of Jehovah's witnesses to the number of more than 700 men and women. These arrests have been upon charges of peddling and hawking and being disorderly persons because walking through the streets and refusing to disclose their names.

The real facts are that the only "offensive" thing that these witnesses of Jehovah were doing was going about from house to house presenting the gospel of God's kingdom to the people who were willing to hear, and in doing this they were following the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ and doing exactly as His apostles did, as stated in the Scriptures. (Matthew 10:12,13; Acts 20:20) Upon a hearing of these cases in the magistrates' courts invariably a conviction resulted after a trial which was a farce and a disgrace to the judicial branch of the government. Upon appeal, the higher courts have held these convictions invalid and discharged the defendants and in many instances have held that the ordinances under which the arrests were made are inapplicable to such

as Jehovah's witnesses. Regardless of these decisions of the higher courts the police continue to make arrests of harmless men and women for preaching the gospel.

In a number of instances where the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey has held ordinances inapplicable to Jehovah's witnesses, the law-making bodies of certain cities, towns and villages, yielding to the improper influence of religious leaders, have declared their purpose to enact and have enacted ordinances for the express purpose of preventing Jehovah's witnesses from carrying on their work of preaching the gospel.

Only certain specially selected police officers are sent out to make these arrests of Jehovah's witnesses, and the statement has been made repeatedly by policemen that these specially selected officers are acting under the direction of the clergy who are back of all this persecution.

Since the hearings before the Congressional committees in the early part of 1934, Catholic newspapers have continued their assault upon Jehovah's witnesses.

In the Catholic stronghold of Quebec there has been open persecution, arrest and prosecution of Jehovah's witnesses.

In Australia, where Jehovah's witnesses have been using thirty-odd radio stations for some time, the Catholic press, at the instance of the clergy, have carried on a constant campaign of opposition.

In the *Catholic Freeman's Journal*, published and copyrighted throughout Australia, the following appeared on June 21, 1934:

"... What authority have these people? None whatever. God never invited them to be His witnesses, nor did He give them such a ridiculous message. Judge Rutherford's authority as an exponent of Scripture is nil. He betrays no sound scholarship whatever; knows nothing of any real principles of interpretation; and violates all logic and reason in the outpourings of his warped imagination. Is the movement harmful or otherwise? It is harmful from almost every point of view. It is not in the least constructive. It is destructive, not only of Christianity, but of all lawful civil authority. There has been a lot of trouble in America over the broadcasted utterances of Judge Rutherford. The Radio Stations refused to hand his matter, and the Witnesses of Jehovah protested to the Radio Commission that, even though they were ready to pay for time, the Stations would not sell it to them. The case went to Congress in March last, and the McFadden bill was introduced in their favor. The Witnesses of Jehovah handed in

petitions signed by 2,500,000 persons. But it was shown that the signatures were obtained under false pretences, that many were frank forgeries, and others the names of mere children. The McFadden bill, in favor of Rutherford, was defeated in Congress, and American Stations were justified in their refusal to waste people's time with the anti-political, anti-Christian, and insulting propaganda of Judge Rutherford. Thus you have the trend, gist, authority, and harmful character of Judge Rutherford's organization."

The foregoing is a sample of the mass of material which has emanated from the Catholic Hierarchy's business headquarters in Washington, D.C., known as the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and which has been published under the Hierarchy's supervision in hundreds of newspapers in the United States and other countries. The page from the *Catholic Freeman's Journal* containing the statement just quoted is offered herewith for the record, and marked Exhibit G.

This shows that the press is either woefully misinformed or willfully given to misrepresentation of the truth.

At the last session of the New Jersey legislature, in the Assembly there was introduced by an ardent Knight of Columbus a bill which, if enacted into law, would prevent any person from making any speech or comment within the state (regardless of whether that speech were true or false), criticizing any religion or that might have the tendency to hold up any religion or religious group to ridicule and contempt; and also would prohibit the use of radio stations, transcription machines, phonographs or any other means of conveying such message, and would make it a criminal offense for anyone to rent a hall to any person or group of persons to be used for such public address, either by a person or by any mechanical instrument.

This bill was quietly enacted in the Assembly, and when it came before the Senate the whole scheme was exposed and the bill died there.

In proof we submit herewith for the record a copy of a statement filed with the New Jersey Senate by Charles R. Hessler on behalf of Jehovah's witnesses, entitled "PROTEST", marked Exhibit H.

Manifestly the object of this proposed legislation was to prevent information in any form from reaching the people, unless the same was first approved by the clergymen of certain religious organizations.

A proclamation was made by the Catholic Hierarchy that the year 1933 was a "holy year" during which prayers were made for peace and prosperity. That having failed, then the Catholic St. Joseph's Guild, on June 30, 1934, issued a call for a nation-wide prayer meeting to be engaged in by various religionists and the distinguished men of America, for peace and prosperity.

Jehovah's witnesses distributed a small leaflet announcing that a radio lecture would be delivered and broadcast on August 12, 1934, the purpose of which lecture was to inform the people as to the Bible teaching of and concerning public prayers for peace and prosperity. For the "heinous" offense of inviting the people to hear that lecture and subsequently for distributing free copies of such lecture, many of Jehovah's witnesses were arrested and thrown into jail at the instance of the clergy.

This is cited for the purpose of showing the studied effort to prevent the people from hearing the truth by means of radio and that this opposition to the truth is led by the clergy and is in keeping with their effort to influence this government to prevent anyone from using the radio except by the consent of "organized religion".

In France during the year 1933 the president of the Peoples Pulpit Association and its associate organizations was advertised to deliver certain public addresses over a chain of radio stations, the speech originating at station POSTE PARISIEN, Paris. A number of Catholics freely stated that they had been advised by the papal Hierarchy not to listen to such lectures and furthermore an attempt was made to have the radio stations cancel the contract for such broadcast.

A volume of evidence along this same line might well be submitted, but this is deemed sufficient to show that the opposition to the proclamation of the message of God's Word by Jehovah's witnesses emanates from Jehovah's great adversary, Satan, who opposed Christ Jesus when He was on earth and who has opposed every effort to proclaim the truth since. Said Jesus to His followers who are Jehovah's witnesses: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have per-

secuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."—John 15: 19, 20.

The method of that great adversary, Satan the Devil, is to employ fraud and deceit to mislead the people, and in doing so he has blinded and misled millions of persons of good intent. Without a question of doubt organizations such as Fascists, Nazi, communists, are all carried forward at the instance and under the immediate direction of the organization of Jesuits, which organization is the secret service department of the Catholic Hierarchy.

The provision of the American Constitution relating to freedom of religion and freedom of speech has enabled this mighty organization, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, to expand its activities politically and otherwise to an extent not possible in a land of less freedom. That mighty institution has laid hold of the accouterments of freedom for its own ends and has flourished. It is not surprising in this day to see that this organization turns against the very arrangement or provision of freedom that enabled it to grow in this land.

Now it comes into the open and displays itself as the deadly foe of truth, equality and liberty, and employs threats and coercion to prevent the people from hearing what they are entitled to hear. It deems itself sufficiently entrenched now to show itself in its true colors and to begin to impose its will on the vast majority of the American people.

Let it be distinctly understood that by no means do all Catholics find themselves in accord with the policies, activities and objectives of the Hierarchy, which arrogates to itself the power to rule them. The Hierarchy's worldwide organization is in fact controlled and operated from a country foreign to America and where the fundamental principles of the American government are entirely ignored. Millions of good, honest Catholic people residing in the United States are not at all in sympathy with the coercive and boycott and other oppressive methods used by the Catholic Hierarchy to keep the people in ignorance of the truth of God's Word.

In all this opposition the Catholic clergy are ably supported by the Protestant and Hebrew clergymen.

Jehovah's witnesses desire to be clearly and distinctly understood that they have no controversy with clergymen as men. Each and every

clergyman ought to have the right to worship his god and to practice his religion as the Constitution of the United States provides. These have no right, however, to act as censors of the speech or message of others nor to determine what the people may or may not hear.

Other citizens of the United States who do not believe that these gentlemen who are designated clergymen are pursuing the right course should also have the privilege of exercising their God-given rights to worship JEHOVAH God and serve Him and His kingdom and to make known the truths concerning the same to other people who want to hear. If such a rule is not invoked and followed in the United States, then this country ceases to be a nation of freedom of speech.

The practice of preventing or trying to prevent anyone from expressing his honest convictions is entirely contrary to God and His truth and righteousness. God does not attempt at any time to prevent any creature from freely expressing himself. Had God exercised His power to so prevent freedom of expression and activity, the Devil would never have been permitted to carry on as he has for thousands of years.

Concerning Satan, the adversary, JEHOVAH said: 'For this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that my witnesses may proclaim my name throughout all the earth.'—Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*.

The time has now arrived when God commands His witnesses to go forth amongst the people and declare to them that He, JEHOVAH, is the Almighty God, and this commandment they must obey.

The great issue before mankind now is, Who shall control the world, JEHOVAH God or Satan the Devil? Because we have reached the time of the settlement of this final issue, every creature of "Christendom" is required to take his stand either on the side of the Devil or on the side of JEHOVAH God. In order to intelligently place themselves on one side or the other, the people must have information and knowledge. It is the expressed will and command of JEHOVAH that His witnesses must bring this knowledge to the attention of the people.

How can the people obtain this information unless someone tells them? Appropriate hereto are the words of the Scriptures recorded at Romans 10:14, 15, which read:

"How then shall they call on him in whom

they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Since this matter has been brought before Congress and this Commission a serious obligation rests upon each one having to do therewith. It is my duty and obligation, therefore, to say to this Commission that each one of you must take the responsibility before God of choosing one side or the other of this question at issue: that is, to favor the open and free discussion of matters of such vital importance to the people as that contained in the Bible, and therefore to take your stand on JEHOVAH's side; or, to favor the suppression of freedom of expression and thereby keep the people in ignorance of the truth and so align yourselves on the side of God's enemy, Satan.

The highest executive officer of the United States, in his inaugural address, with propriety quoted from the Bible the following text, to wit: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."—Proverbs 29:18.

The people can have no vision or understanding of God's gracious provision for them unless they receive information and knowledge concerning the same.

Jehovah's witnesses have entered into a solemn agreement with the Most High God to do His will, and upon them is laid the duty and obligation to bear this information to the people and call it to their attention. A failure or refusal on the part of such witnesses to bring this information to the attention of the people in obedience to God's commandment would mean their own annihilation.—Matthew 24:14; Isaiah 43:10-12; Acts 3:20-23; Ezekiel 3:17-20.

The influence of big religionists has precluded the newspapers from publishing the truth concerning JEHOVAH God and His kingdom. The radio is the only means left whereby the American people can have the full opportunity to hear the whole truth relative to any matter; hence Jehovah's witnesses must make an effort to carry this information to the people by radio.

Appropriate hereto the following timely words are quoted from a recent speech of Hon. C. C. Dill, senator for the State of Washington:

"The public interest demands that radio stations give news to their listeners in order that the people may know the truth, the whole truth, regarding public controversies.

"The abuse of the right of free press by the great newspapers . . . has destroyed the confidence of the masses of the people in the press in many parts of the country. They doubt that they are getting the full truth about controversial matters. They deplore their inability to get both sides, and in many communities the support of certain newspapers for any cause even does that cause more harm than good.

"The American system is the only one by which freedom of speech by radio can be compelled. There is no freedom of speech by radio in Germany, Italy and Russia. Even in democratic England, in free France, and in liberty-loving Denmark, there is no freedom of speech by radio for the discussion of public questions."

In view of the facts we, as Jehovah's witnesses, could not consistently come here and ask that we be *permitted* to use the radio facilities to proclaim the message of God's kingdom; but in the name of Jehovah God and in the interest of righteous-minded and free people we can and do consistently demand that a fair and equal opportunity to use the radio facilities be accorded to all persons or organizations and that there be no discrimination shown; and that no one shall be permitted to directly or indirectly interfere with the proper use thereof.

Having in mind the character of the organizations and the men that have wrongfully interfered with the use of radio facilities in the United States and other places, and judging the immediate future by the past, I am certain that the un-American and ungodly methods of interference will continue to be employed by organized religionists and others to prevent the free and proper use of the radio, unless Congress takes some positive action to prevent the same.

Since the matter has come before Congress and before this Commission, the questions are, Will the law-making branch of the American government wink at such improper interference and permit a group of religionists and other entrenched selfish interests to continue to exercise wrongful influence over the owners of radio stations and to deprive commercial radio stations of the privilege of earning a legitimate revenue, and at the same time prevent the American people from hearing and receiving proper information concerning matters of vital importance to them, or will Congress use its proper powers to safeguard the interests of the people?

Shall the lawmakers of the nation yield to the demands of selfish men, or shall they give

heed to the commandment of Almighty God and permit the people to now have a fair opportunity to receive a knowledge of His truth?

Since the government has undertaken to regulate radio broadcasting, manifestly there should be some change in the law concerning broadcasting facilities and the manner of using the same, and this change should be made in the interest of the people.

By law Congress should provide that no person, group of persons, corporation or company shall either directly or indirectly interfere with or attempt to interfere with the owner or operator of any radio station in entering into contract or contracts with other persons looking to the broadcasting of their radio programs.

By law Congress should prevent the use of threats, boycott or other means of coercion by providing for adequate punishment of offenders. American citizens should not have their liberties curtailed by any group of persons, and particularly when that group is directed by a foreign power.

Furthermore, persons, groups of persons, companies or corporations should not be permitted to arbitrarily determine that nothing shall be broadcast concerning the Bible until the text thereof first receives the approval of a board of censors made up of clergymen. Censorship is un-American and, above all, ungodly, and hence unrighteous.

Religionists should not be denied an opportunity to express their views by means of radio, nor should they be permitted to interfere with others' expressing themselves. Let all have a fair and equal show. If any group of persons is willing to contract and pay money for the use of radio facilities to broadcast its programs, and radio stations are willing to contract and undertake the broadcasting of such programs, then certainly no group of persons or organizations should have any right to interfere and should not be permitted to interfere.

Since the government has undertaken to regulate the use of broadcasting facilities for the benefit of the people, it should provide:

(1) That all organizations have an equal opportunity to employ the use of the radio and that none be excluded by reason of the views they hold.

(2) That every organization be free to give expression to its views without being subjected to censorship.

(3) That it be made a criminal offense, pun-

ishable by heavy fine and imprisonment, for any person, corporation, or other organization to willfully attempt to use or to actually use boycott, threats or other coercive measures to prevent a radio station from contracting with others for any programs or receiving and broadcasting any such programs; but that every radio station be left free to contract with anyone who is willing to meet its terms and pay for the use of facilities.

Importance

Why is the message now being delivered by Jehovah's witnesses of such great importance to the people? With calmness and sobriety of mind, with malice toward none, and with knowledge based upon the plain and infallible Word of Jehovah God, and which is now fully supported by the physical facts well known to all persons who think, I make the following statement without expectation of successful contradiction and with the absolute certainty that the same is true, to wit:

That the world is face to face with the greatest tribulation that has ever afflicted mankind. All the floods that have ever swept over the earth; all the disasters that have befallen mankind, resulting from earthquakes, cyclones, fires, famines, pestilence and war, all added together, will not equal the dreadful disaster that soon shall befall the nations of "Christendom". In the language of Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher that was ever on earth, that will be a time of tribulation such as the world has never known, and no, there shall never be another like it. At the conclusion of that tribulation there will be so many dead on the earth that the survivors will not be able to bury them. —Matthew 24: 21; Jeremiah 25: 33.

And why should such a great disaster come upon the world? Because Satan the Devil, in making his last and desperate attempt to determine the issue of supremacy in his favor, is gathering all nations to the battle of Armageddon, and all who side with Satan will perish in that conflict. The time is at hand when this great issue of supremacy must be settled. It will be settled by the armies of JEHOVAH God completely wrecking and destroying Satan's organization, both visible and invisible.

In this terrible trouble that is just ahead there is but one possible way for men to escape, and that way is plainly pointed out in the Bible, the Word of God, and at no other place. If a

great hurricane were sweeping up the Atlantic coast, notice and information thereof would be flashed to every village, town and city along the way, and anyone who would cut the wires to prevent such message of truth from reaching the people would be denounced as a wicked criminal and subjected to severe punishment. It is of far greater importance that the peoples of the earth now be informed as to what the Word of God says about the approaching world trouble and the only way of escape. If, after receiving the information, anyone chooses to disregard the same, that is his responsibility. But woe unto the man, men or organizations that now attempt to keep the people in ignorance of the truth. God's great adversary, and who is the worst enemy of all men, namely, Satan the Devil, is the one using his agencies to keep the people in ignorance of what they so much need to know and understand. This Commission and the Congress to which its report must be made are charged with a grave responsibility toward mankind and before Almighty God.

The matters here for consideration involve the vital interest of millions of people. Above all, they involve the name of JEHOVAH God, the creator of radio. They should be determined without reference to fear of men, and with a sincere desire to do good unto all men as opportunity is afforded. Above all, the conclusions should give due credit and honor to the name of JEHOVAH God and to His kingdom.

Seven Cents for a Life

IN FRONT of Verdun during the World War one French regiment mutinied and five men were chosen by lot and executed. The widows of two of these men have just received seven cents each for the loss of their husbands, the courts having held that they were unjustly executed.

Thirty-four New Deal Divisions

THERE are now thirty-four divisions of the New Deal. The government has listed these in alphabetical order, and with one exception they are all designated by the initials of the services performed. The full list of initials: AAA, CCC, CSB, EC, ECW, EHFA, EIB, FAC, FACA, FCA, FCC, FCT, FDIC, FERA, FFMC, FHA, FHLBB, FICB, FSRC, HOLC, NEC, NLRB, NRA, NRB, PWA, PWEHC, RACC, RFC, SEC, SES, SH, TVA, USIS.

Pope Attacks "Heresy" By Fred Slaughter (New Jersey)

JUST in case you are a "heretic" whose "heresies" need 'stamping out'; perhaps a little study of the Associated Press clipping below might be enlightening. A heretic in this case is one who does not believe that God and Christ ever appointed anyone "pope" to rule this world, and who holds and teaches doctrines other than that which popes hold and teach; for example, Judge Rutherford.

CITES ERA OF INQUISITION IN LETTER TO DOMINICANS

VATICAN CITY, March 10 (AP).—Pope Pius today exhorted the Order of Dominicans throughout the world to rally to the standard of St. Dominic and drive out heresy. His exhortation was included in an apostolic letter commemorating the seventh centenary of Dominic's canonization.

He recalled the Era of the Inquisition and urged modern Dominicans to "follow the example of the founder".

That last paragraph is very interesting, and should be examined carefully. "He recalled the Era of the Inquisition and urged modern Dominicans to 'follow the example of the founder'." We may also recall with profit that "Era" and 'the example of Dominic', thereby judging what to expect from modern Dominicans and others. An excerpt from Dominic's last sermon in Languedoc, southern France, after failing to "convert" the poor people of that region to support the pope and his corrupt organization, will reveal "the example":

"For many years I have exhorted you in vain, with gentleness, preaching, praying and weeping. But according to the proverb of my country, 'Where blessing can accomplish nothing, blows may avail.' We shall rouse against you princes and prelates, who, alas, will arm nations and kingdoms against this land . . . and thus blows will avail where blessings and gentleness have been powerless."

True to the spirit that animated that speech, the forces of the pope drenched that land with blood in a horrible civil war in which all France was involved, the papal north subjecting the south to the domination of the popes. Part of the "subjecting machinery" in finally stamping out all opposition was the tribunal of the Inquisition.

The INQUISITION. The name given to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction dealing with the detection and punishment of heretics and all persons guilty of any offense against Catholic orthodoxy. The following information is according

to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol. VIII, pages 30-34:

The INQUISITOR. A special but permanent judge, acting in the name of the pope and clothed by him with the right and the duty to deal legally with offenses against the faith. Chosen especially from the Order of Dominicans. "Where they sat, there was the Inquisition."

PROCEDURE. The inquisitor, on coming to a heresy-ridden district, summoned the inhabitants together, and if any of them confessed of their own free will a suitable penance was imposed, that is, a pilgrimage. This (the confessing of the penitents) pointed out proper quarters for investigation, and much evidence was obtained against individuals this way. These were cited before the judges, usually by the parish priest, and the trial began. If the testimony was incriminating and the accused denied he was a heretic (for fear, etc.), four methods were used to extract a confession from him:

(1) Fear of death; that is, by giving the accused to understand that the stake awaited him if he would not confess.

(2) More or less confinement, possibly emphasized by a curtailment of food.

(3) Visits of tried men, who would attempt to induce free confession through friendly persuasion.

(4) Torture.

WITNESSES. Names of witnesses were generally withheld. Witnesses for the defense never appeared, because of fear. There was no personal confrontation of witnesses; neither was there any cross-examination. No lawyers could defend them, by order of Innocent III.

PUNISHMENTS. Torture was authorized by Innocent IV and others and was used as a means of obtaining a "confession" from the so-called "heretic". The punishments administered by the civil authorities, as outlined by the inquisitor, in serious cases was burning at the stake, or perpetual incarceration in prisons, the best of which were rotten. "In some cells the unfortunates were bound in stocks, unable to move about, and forced to sleep on the ground. There was little regard for cleanliness, and in some cases there was no light or ventilation, and the food was meagre and very poor." (*Cath. Encyc.*, Vol. VIII, page 32) In connection with burning at the stake Innocent IV said, "When those adjudged guilty of heresy have

been given up to the civil power by the bishops or his representative, or the Inquisition, the podesta or chief magistrate of the city shall take them at once, and shall within five days, at the most, execute the laws made against them. This papal bull "ad extirpanda" referring to burning at the stake of the impenitent heretics was made thereafter a fundamental document of the Inquisition, renewed and enforced by several popes: Alexander IV, Clement IV, Nicholas IV, Boniface VIII, and others. The civil authorities themselves, if they did not obey, were excommunicated, and thereby became "heretics".

THE FINAL VERDICT. The ultimate decision (of the Inquisition) was pronounced with solemn ceremony. Two days before, those concerned had the charges read to them, and later were told where to appear to hear the verdict. The *Sermo*, a short discourse, began early in the morning; then followed swearing in the officials, who were made to vow obedience to the inquisitor in all things pertaining to suppression of heresy. Then regularly followed the "decrees of mercy" or statements concerning previous remittances of penalties, and finally the due punishments were pronounced, after their offenses had been again enumerated. The punishments announced started with minor judgments and proceeded up to the most severe perpetual imprisonment or death. Thereupon the "guilty" were turned over to the civil power.

"With Ecclesiastical Approbation"

HERE is a little four-page folder, printed by the P. A. Kemper Co., Dayton, Ohio, and marked "With Ecclesiastical Approbation". It came in an envelope with other material advertising the business of Reverend Father Francis Smyth, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Barnesboro, Pa. Probably the folder has his approbation, and so we examine it with interest.

The interior of the folder and the back page are full of spiritual exercises, 300 days for this and 300 days for that, and 7 years and 7 quarantines for this and 7 years and 7 quarantines for that; all together, 14 years, 14 quarantines and 900 days for going over these matters just once. There are 40 days in a quarantine; so the thing figures out (at 365½ days to the year) at just 18 years, lacking one day.

The front page shows where the 18 years ap-

ply. It contains a picture of a bake-oven, apparently lined with fire-brick, and divided into four compartments, in each of which sinners are being baked. Up one side of the picture the ones that got out of purgatory are shown going up to heaven. Through the four windows, or tueres, one can see five persons in the flames. They are shown dressed and tearing their hair; so it seems that the flames for some reason do not burn either their clothing or their hair.

Well, after a good many hundreds or thousands of years they get out, one by one. The angels come for them one at a time to take them to heaven. Two men and one woman are shown being escorted up to heaven. The men are the first and the last, with the woman in between. Men angels come for men, and women angels for women. At the top is a picture of two angels acting as a reception committee, and a picture of the deity with the head not shown.

The whole main center of the picture is taken up by a priest in full regalia. He is standing on top of the oven. An altar boy is lifting his skirts while he is holding aloft the glass of wine which, in a few moments, he expects to pour down his neck. The suggestion is made that every dollar he gets which is not spent for wine is divided with the angels that take the souls out of "purgatory"; but it seems as if they would all be in better business if they let the fires go out and did by the poor sinners and the long suffering and badly stung public as they would like to be done by.

In all innocence we showed the foregoing effort to a young Italian clerk, and within a few minutes he handed in the following. Probably he wants us to give it "ecclesiastical approbation"; but nothing doing. The Italians are up to too many tricks already; however, we print it, for what it is worth.

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Our Angels are courteous to the utmost. They know
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ON THIS PAGE

the series of five-minute talks by Judge Rutherford is continued. Misconceptions attached to the word "holy" are clearly pointed out. The importance of this subject cannot be overstated, and a careful study of this and other talks in the series will prove of inestimable benefit to the earnest seeker for the truth. The talks deal with fundamental issues and teachings of the Bible and show the bearing these have upon the people today, and enable them to pursue a wise course in this time of stress.

Holy

THE WORD "holy" has been grossly misused, and thereby many persons have been deceived. "Holy" means that which is complete, pure, without fault, and entirely devoted to righteousness. Jehovah God is the Holy One, because He is complete, pure, without fault, and entirely devoted to righteousness. The Scriptures, at Psalm 99:5, say: 'Worship Jehovah, for he is holy.' (A.R.V.) Anything that is out of harmony with Jehovah is unholy.

Satan, the Devil, is the wicked one, is entirely out of harmony with Jehovah God, and is unholy. Everything that is of Satan's organization is unholy. The Scriptures declare that Satan, the Devil, is the invisible ruler of this world and that the world is under his control. (2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19) "The world" means the organization of the peoples of earth under the supervision of the invisible overlord the Devil. The only way for a person or thing to become holy is to be entirely separate from Satan's organization, or world, and be entirely devoted to God and His kingdom.

The Catholic church organization is ruled by a few men, which body is called the "Catholic hierarchy". There are millions of persons who are subject to that hierarchy but who have nothing to do with ruling the Catholic church organization. Those millions of Catholics declare the truth, but have been kept in darkness by their rulers. My purpose is not to offend anyone who is a Catholic by this statement, but is to speak the truth from God's Word that others may be informed. No man or company has the power to make anything holy by declaring. The proclamation of the pope during 1933 a "holy year" was made without authority; and hence the year was not holy, nor did it bring peace and prosperity to the people, and everyone knows that fact now. The Catholic hierarchy is not holy, for the reason, it is not devoted to God and His kingdom. It par-

ticipates in the political affairs of this world, and hence is a part of the world, and the friend of the world; and the Scriptures, at James 4:4, say that this world is God's enemy. Therefore, the Catholic organization serves the Devil, and not Jehovah. The pope now acknowledges that his "holy year" proclamation has failed to bring peace and prosperity, and in his alarm he calls upon all the people to pray that Armageddon may be averted. But his prayers in this behalf will also fail, because Jehovah God has declared that the battle of Armageddon shall destroy all worldly organizations to make way for God's holy kingdom under Christ.

No good could result to the people by continuing to support an organization that is out of harmony with God and His kingdom. What the people must now do is to get on the side of Jehovah and His kingdom, regardless of what your religious affiliations may have been. If you would have God's approval and escape the great tribulation of Armageddon and receive the blessings of His kingdom you must devote yourself to Jehovah, which means to be entirely separate from all human organizations. It is written, in 1 Peter 1:16: 'Be ye holy, saith Jehovah, for I am holy.' You cannot be holy unless you separate yourselves from unholy organizations; and this is plainly declared in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. You must study the Bible and find out for yourself what is the right way. Do not follow the teachings of men, because all men are imperfect and their teachings are imperfect, regardless of their good intentions. Follow the teachings of God's Word. Books are now available which show how to study the Bible and how you can inform yourselves and learn what is the right way to go. The failure of the so-called "holy year" ought to be sufficient to open your eyes to the fact that doctrines taught by men cannot be relied upon unless

those doctrines are entirely supported by God's Word. And this you can determine only by gaining a knowledge of the truth as set forth in the Bible. Your self-interest demands that you learn the truth and follow it.

In the kingdom under Christ there will be no rival organizations; because everything must be in harmony with that kingdom, and therefore must be wholly devoted to righteousness.

All opposing organizations will be gone and the people will be devoted to God and His righteousness. Then the people will enjoy everlasting peace and unbroken prosperity. Those who then try to do right and render themselves in obedience to God's kingdom will live for ever in peace and happiness. In this time of world distress it is of the greatest importance that you know the truth.

[The eighteen short talks of which the foregoing is one are obtainable in the form of phonograph records which may be used on any phonograph, at the usual rate of 78 revolutions per minute. The set contains nine records. There has been an unusual demand for

these instructive talks, and they are being widely used to disseminate Bible truths of special importance to the present generation. The records are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, of 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y.]

Unclassified Squibs

Says Mrs. Hoeck, Dietitian

IN SOME healthful countries in Europe, particularly in Switzerland, and in many Asiatic countries, the goat leads as a producer of milk and cheese. The health, the longevity, the mental alertness of these people, is a matter of public knowledge. In one country where goats' milk is the principal food there has not been a case of tuberculosis in one hundred years. It is no wonder that the people of the Old World were so healthy and lived so long. They ate plain foods and drank goats' milk.

In modern America, in the whirl of present-day progress it has been easy to slip away from some of the fundamental practices in the promotion of good health. Eating habits have become disorganized, and with the ever increasing number of new and seemingly tempting dishes has come a proportionate increase in indigestion, stomach ailments and general debility. The tremendous nerve energy demanded by the whirl of industrial, commercial and civic activities is exhausting physical reserve and depleting human energies. Social requirements tax strength to the utmost.

"We Americans are digging our graves with our teeth," a famous physician has said. Also, "Your days are numbered, ere you watch your diet."

Jehovah's witnesses and Dominicans

IN THIS present day Jehovah's witnesses are in the "holy land" or "secret place of the Most High". Woe unto you modern Dominicans

if you do follow the example of Dominic who of old wrote against the wretched people of southern France, "We shall rouse against you princes and prelates, who, alas, will arm nations and kingdoms against this land," and if you come up against Jehovah's people to "stamp out" their testimony. However, being part of Satan's organization, your crowd is already engaged in the conspiracy to rouse all nations to battle "against Jerusalem". Your great opportunity will soon be here, no doubt; also your destruction.

Rehabilitation of Families in the South

IN THE Southern states 80,000 families have been given a new start in life, placed in habitable houses, provided with a cow, chickens, tools, seed and other necessities, and some provided with a mule or horse. In Alabama the average outlay per family was only \$80; in other states, only \$100 or a little more. Heads of families are employed on roads or other projects financed by the government, and it is believed by government officials that the government never spent money to better effect than in giving these ruined families another chance to make a living.

University of Pittsburgh

THE University of Pittsburgh may possibly lose its annual state subsidy of \$594,000 for its act in dismissing Dr. Ralph E. Turner, liberal professor of history at the university, supposedly to please the Mellon plutocracy.

Notes on Goat Milk *By Mrs. F. L. Hoeck, Dietitian*

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Society, the official organization of 100,000 physicians in the United States, under the heading "Dietetics and Hygiene", says:

The goat is the healthiest domestic animal known. Goat milk is superior in every way to cow's milk. Goat milk is the ideal food for babies, convalescents and invalids, especially those with weakened digestive powers. Goat milk is the purest, most healthful and most complete food known.

In the beginning, since earliest times, the goat has functioned continuously as the producer of nature's finest and most nearly perfect food for man. Biblical history is replete with tales of ancient people and their dependency upon the goat for sustenance. One fine reference is made in Proverbs 27: 27: "Thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens."

The physical evidence of years, manifested in these peoples relying upon the goat for milk, is more substantiated by our modern scientists and physicians.

How easy it is to keep your internal machine in good condition and to feel fit and fine, through use of pure goats' milk—nature's most easily digested food, with alkaline reaction on the stomach, which heals! Goat milk contains chlorine, a purifier for the system, and in every drop is potassium, which has greatest affinity for oxygen, to pep up life to the limit. It is rich in iron, but not too rich in butterfat; and contains more vitamins than any other food known.

Goat milk is (1) alkaline in reaction, (2) rich in mineral salts, (3) digested in twenty minutes, and (4) a laxative.

Goat milk is ideal for anemia, nervousness, loss of weight, run-down condition, constipation, tuberculosis, ulcerated stomach, nervous indigestion, babies, pernicious anemia.

WHY GOATS' MILK IS NATURE'S IDEAL FOOD
FOR OLD AND YOUNG, SICK AND WELL

DIGESTIBILITY

Goats' milk digests in twenty minutes, whereas it takes cows' milk from two to three hours. Goat milk is destined by nature to nourish a little kid that weighs at birth 6 pounds, which is the average weight of a human baby. Cow's milk is destined to nourish a calf that weighs 45 pounds at birth. The fat globules in goat

milk are in more perfect emulsion and do not rise as rapidly as cream in cows' milk, and so goat milk digests in twenty minutes.

BUTTERFAT

Contrary to general belief, goats' milk is not richer in butterfat than cows' milk, but it is richer in the vital mineral salts that are necessary to life. The butterfat test of a herd is just 3.5, which is city ordinance requirements for Grade A milk.

STOMACH REACTION

Goats' milk has an alkaline reaction on the stomach, whereas cows' milk has an acid reaction. Goats' milk contains much magnesium (the digestive chemical), which is the same mineral used in milk of magnesia, the principal medicine for stomach disorders.

VITAMINS

Goats' milk contains more vitamins than any other food known.

THE STORY IN A NUTSHELL!

So it is no wonder that goats' milk is recognized by the world's greatest physicians and dietitians. It is so easy to digest; will heal poor ulcerated stomachs with its alkaline reaction. It contains calcium, the bone builder; silicon, the immunizer against tuberculosis; fluorin, the protector; and chlorin, the perfect germicide. In every drop of goats' milk is a little oxygen tank in the form of potassium, to pep up life. The iron content builds up red blood corpuscles; and goats' milk contains more vitamins than any other food known, and is a laxative.

IT'S DIFFERENT!

If you went to your druggist and asked him what tonic or bitter he could furnish you in form of herbs, he would most likely tell you he had sassafras, burdock, dandelion, yarrow, dock, elder, blackberry, etc. Leaves, barks and various kinds of herbs are the things goats crave, and this is one reason there is so much medicinal value in goats' milk. It is needless to say that milk of any animal is produced from the food it eats; and since goats prefer to eat these leaves and herbs, it is reasonable to suppose that the dairy goat furnishes all these in correct proportion for the human system, done up in one package in the form of goats' milk.

Diabetes By William Held, M.D. (Illinois)

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NO, SIR, I am not going to contribute another long article to the countless treatises of insulin that have crowded upon one another. I wish to dispose of that item of my remarks by pointing out that we are witnessing now a sort of reaction, a period of readjustment during which the unduly hopeful diabetic realizes that insulin (as Banting stated from the start) is not a curative substance; that its successful administration can only serve to decrease the sugar percentage of the blood and increase the sugar tolerance; in other words, that administration of insulin does in no way coax the patient's pancreas to resume its sugar-splitting work, but that insulin does the splitting for the malfunctioning pancreas. Therefore it is not a cure. Moreover, the administration of insulin (which, by the way, was known years before Banting made its application practical—see *Stedman's Med. Dictionary* 1916) has its drawbacks, as, for instance, the necessity of frequent blood analysis to prevent overdoses, which by depriving the blood of its normal sugar contents would be fatal, and the fact that administration requires hypodermic injections several times a day, needle work which naturally has its limitations. The surgeon general at Madras (as well as many others) called attention to the dangers of insulin administration and pleads for scientific application. While all medication should be scientific, yet most remedies do not require so great precaution at the penalty of so dire results. During the time elapsed between the work of Langerhans (the pioneer of insulin research) and Banting, little practical work has been done. It seems that research men are determined not to permit such long lapse of inactivity to be repeated, as indicated by the fact that a long list of substances destined to replace insulin have already been isolated from vegetables, fish, yeast and glands.

The tendency of today, forced upon us by observation of clinical evidence, is to regard failure of a single gland to supply its specific ferments as only indicating that the entire glandular system is involved. The soundness of this opinion is very apparent when we remember the inter- and co-relationship existing between the individual members of the glandular chain, and, further, by the observation of certain phenomena which I shall mention directly.

Conditions like goitre, cretinism and myxo-

dema, for instance, cause us to think of the thyroid, diabetes of the pancreas, impotence of the sex glands, and so on. In directing our attention to the specific glands, the functions of which in our mind are intimately related with the symptomatology of these patients, we are still only thinking of the most *prominently* affected, and not necessarily of the *solely* responsible gland.

Failure of a member of the glandular family causes disruption or participation in the disturbance of the entire family. Mayo, of Rochester, recently (in St. Louis) spoke of a chemical which he thought would replace thyroid deficiency to the end that youthful appearance of the aged might be retained.

This merely means that such chemical would possess the characteristic to supply elements which could enable the crippled thyroid (deprived of these elements) to resume normal function or to supply the system with chemical elements replacing the missing thyroid substances.

We must be prepared to have old and ingrained opinions and maxims which we imbibed in our college days rudely shaken. But we shall be repaid by seeing in the place of antiquated theories not only newer but demonstrable facts installed.

To return to our subject of diabetes. The hypo-function of the pancreas is universally accepted as the cause of diabetes. This contention has been arrived at by virtue of chemical and physiological experiments, extirpation and transplantation in dogs, and by supplying the specific sugar-splitting ferments of the pancreas (from islands of Langerhans) to diabetics. Having thereby increased the sugar tolerance and decreased the glycosuria, the etiology on the side of the pancreas was strengthened.

Doubtless the pancreas, in developed cases of diabetes, is the gland at fault, but there is evidence to the effect that the pancreas is not the *chief* offender, stamping it only an "accessory to the fact". If it is true that the pancreas, or any gland which shows unmistakable signs of guilt, is only the brunt-bearer of other glands' offenses of omission (failure to secrete properly), then we ought to be able to "get at the pancreas" via such other glands. In other words, we ought to strike at other glands and mean the pancreas.

Lauta in *Minerva Medica* reports the use of a serum prepared from pituitary substance, which when administered to diabetics proved successful in forty percent of treated cases to reduce sugar percentage and increase sugar tolerance.

In similar manner I have treated diabetics with glandular elements which were combined on the basis of such patients' history and *without* the use of pancreas substance. The idea was to "hit at faulty glands" which in turn were to affect the pancreas. To the combination of gland substances (arrived at by carefully noting symptoms indicating which gland was hypo-functioning) ordinary yeast was added. In one case administration was per mouth. A urinalysis was made once a week, the patient herself going to a different laboratory each time. Each analysis showed a decreased glycosuria over the preceding week. During the four weeks of treatment, capsules were given three times per day and the diet regulated. After one month's treatment the urine was sugar free, treatment was discontinued, and ordinary diet permitted. Ten weeks later, without any treatment, a urinalysis showed sugar free. I am well aware of the objections to which this result is open, that this was a case of glycosuria without pancreatic involvement.

I forego to cite detailed symptoms of this case which entitle me to consider it one of genuine diabetes, and will, instead, rest my case on the results obtained in the treatment of another case to be cited. Remember that my contention is that readjustment of glandular harmony, detoxication, establishment of lost rhythm, will involve even such glands whose specific elements are not a part of the administered gland substances and that failure of one results in disharmony of other glands. The next case was that of a chronic diabetic, a man whom I have known for many years. This patient had first a toe and later the entire leg amputated. (Diabetic gangrene.) This patient for years had a urinalysis made once a day, which never failed to show the sugar contents, which the patient, by diet, attempted to hold low.

Taking a careful survey of all the symptoms aside from those characteristic of diabetes, the indicated glandular material was prepared, using fresh glands and subjecting the same to a fermentation process. This material was placed in a large gelatine capsule, such as used by veterinarians, and was inserted into the rectum

before retiring at night. The urinalysis next day revealed a sugar-free urine. True, the sugar was again evident the following day, still the results suggest that the treatment sufficed, temporarily at least, to stimulate faulty glands or to split sugar, no doubt due to ferments which were either set free in the patient's economy or were supplied by the substances administered.

Comparison of results obtained and the absolute harmlessness of the procedure with more drastic methods, invites more attention to "non-specific" glandular therapy in diabetes and other conditions.

Such and similar experience tends to make us skeptical as to the sole responsibility of the pancreas as *the* etiological factor in diabetes. I lean to the opinion that future events will prove that the pancreas is merely one of the links in a chain of implicated glands. I am not prepared to say that the pancreas is the primary cause; it may well be the most prominent or conspicuous member of the glandular system *after* having been drawn into the vicious cycle of glandular upheaval.

Having been intimately connected with this work I am well aware that some of the ideas expounded here will shock some of my staid brother practitioners, but this will not greatly chagrin me. I remember the words of Abderhalden, whom I am proud to count amongst my instructors, who said, with reference to the attitude of skeptics and antagonists: "This must not deter one to attack the most daring problems."

The idea of ascribing minor importance to the pancreas in diabetes appears less startling and iconoclastic when we consider that even the time-honored etiology of Graves' disease has been attacked by Dr. Lick of Danzig.

The deeply rooted belief that the thyroid is *the* gland at fault in Graves' disease is being shaken by Lick's investigation. He says: "There is no disturbance of the thyroid, but rather a disturbance of the entire endocrine system, including the central nervous system." From all this it appears that, as said before, disharmony of any gland may constitute the primary cause which later involves other members. The chief cause of glandular sluggishness is doubtless toxic infiltration. The toxic etiology of goitre has been mentioned by many authors.

With the toxic etiology in mind we can easily understand why therapy directed to glands re-

mote from the seat of a prominently pathologically affected gland, and administration of non-specific glandular material, has given good results. The answer is in the detoxination of the blood, the freeing of the glandular tissue from the grip of toxins which prevent their normal function.

That glandular disharmony produces auto-intoxication of the entire system, ranging in effect from discomfort to death, needs no renewed proof. All know the result of renal, hepatic, ovarian, gastric, prostatic and other glandular disfunctioning. And that detoxination affords the means to revive the sluggish glands has been established beyond cavil by the work of many investigators and has been testified to by countless observing physicians. There is voluminous literature accumulating substantiating the soundness of my contention, namely, that diabetes is not dependent solely upon the impairment of the pancreas.

Roubitschek (*Klin. Wchschr.* June, 1923) speaks of three types of diabetes, pancreatic sclerosis, pituitary and renal type, and states that "diabetes is not simply a disturbance of carbohydrate metabolism, but a localized disease of the endocrine glands".

This coincides with my statement that the pancreas is the registering apparatus which proclaims the sins of omission of the other members of the endocrine system.

E. J. Kraus (*Klin. Wchschr.* Aug., 1923) also states that he found "changes of varying degrees in all the endocrine organs in diabetes".

E. Freund (*Wiener Klin. Wchschr.* July, 1923) says in part: "... it is at least interesting that the vasomotor effect alone is capable of explaining many of the phenomena of diabetes. Another instructive example exists in the effects of the various endocrine glands. The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands are classified (Eppinger) as vasodilators in diabetes, the pancreas and parathyroid as constrictors, arresting diabetes. While constrictive when first administered, adrenalin after a time becomes vasodilative."

The teaching of these and similar findings is that, to use the expression of McCann, Hannon and Dodd (Johns Hopkins Hospital, July, 1923), "Insulin is pronounced in no sense a cure for diabetes, and it is highly important that other methods of influencing the disease favorably should not be neglected."

With the principle of toxin-stifled glands in mind we are relieved of a good deal of guessing, incident to results obtained in the treatment of various afflictions, results for which we had no other plausible explanation. Only upon the detoxination theory, it appears, can we understand why, for instance, malaria infection cured paresis, why anti-epileptic serum has cured epilepsy, why milk injections proved an effective galactagogue, and why the entire glandular system often responds to the administration of a single substance. It appears that in the poison, particularly cholin-splitting and ousting effect of certain preparations, is the answer.

A Delicious Whole-Wheat Bread

AFTER many years of experimentation I have developed a formula for making whole-wheat bread that not only is delicious, but ranks very high as a nutritious article of food. The ingredients and directions for making are as follows:

Dissolve one cake yeast in two quarts warm water, add four heaping tablespoons brown sugar and stir in sufficient unbleached white flour to bring to the consistency of pancake batter. Let stand in a warm place for two hours. Then pour mixture into dough-tray, or other receptacle, containing three quarts warm whole grain wheat flour and, with hands greased, knead, adding sufficient unbleached white flour to bring to a consistency where the dough will

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almost stick to the hands. This is very important. Care must be taken not to have the dough too stiff. Let stand for about four hours; then form into loaves and let stand for one hour, and bake in oven at 400 degrees. This will make two dozen muffins and three medium-sized loaves.

Exercises After Operations

KUMBAROVSKY, a prominent Soviet surgeon, claims to have accomplished excellent results for his patients by insisting that shortly after operations they take mild exercises, such as walking around. He claims that long periods of enforced idleness cause internal organs to function improperly.

The American Standard of Success

The Financial Guides

CITING where the house of Morgan & Co. (the same Morgan that paid no income tax) made \$68,000,000 profit in sixty days, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. made \$5,500,000 profit for "services" rendered the Pennroad corporation, the Senate investigation committee says of investment bankers generally that they "failed to check adequately the information furnished by foreign officials; ignored bad debt records and bad moral risks; disregarded political disturbances and upheavals; failed to examine, or examined only perfunctorily, economic conditions in foreign countries; failed to determine whether the proposed uses of the proceeds of the loan issues were genuinely constructive; failed to ascertain whether the proceeds of loan issues were applied toward the purposes specified in the loan contracts; failed to ascertain whether revenues pledged for the service of loans were collected and properly deposited in accordance with the agreements; and generally indulged in practices of doubtful propriety in the promotion of foreign loans and in the sale of foreign securities to the American public". In other words, our greatest and biggest and best and wisest and most patriotic bankers took the American people by the heels and swung them in a circle until every nickel they could get had been detached from their trousers, and then they threw what was left on the ash pile. And having done this to the common people, the Allies for whom they made such great sacrifices in the World War welched on the payment of anything they ever borrowed from those same common people, and denounced those same common people as Shylocks demanding their pound of flesh. And they did this in a year of famine. And when they did it, and boasted of it in their Parliament, their statesmen cheered as only statesmen of the Devil can cheer when they see their father's will done on earth.

Irish Boys Get \$427,000

ABOUT a dozen Irish boys, or young men 25 to 30 years of age, took \$427,000 from an armored truck in Brooklyn as easily as a grown man could take a stick of candy from a baby. All were dressed in butchers' aprons, except one poor old peddler with a push cart, who turned out to be a machine-gun expert. The boys left \$100,000 and one machine gun behind them, but got away with the biggest cash haul on record. Nobody was hurt.

The Wallkill Country Club

NEW YORK state maintains at Wallkill, New York, an institution popularly referred to by convicts as the "Country Club". This is a prison where men who have committed robbery on a huge scale can rest quietly without having to be brought in contact with the 'common, low-down' thieves that have stolen only a little. It is quite an idea. One gentleman confined there used \$2,000,000 of a bank's funds; why send such a man to a common prison? Another stole \$200,000 while treasurer of a county; another, \$60,000 while treasurer of another county. The prisoners in what might be called "New York Prison First Preferred" have small rooms instead of cells, the citizens do enough work on the prison farm to work up an appetite, the number of guards is small, and everything possible is done to avoid a prison atmosphere. It is well known that in "purgatory" the same wrinkle is worked; the man who left plenty behind him, to be used in saying mass for the "repose of his soul", does not need to get the same amount of hot charcoal down his neck as the miserable wretch who left nothing for the priest. All of which brings us back to the homely aphorism of Bill Nye (or was it Josh Billings?), "Them as has gits."

Big Business Keeps the Faith

SOME suspicious people seem to think that Big Business never keeps the faith, but in the munitions hearings at Washington it was brought out that when the president had placed an embargo on arms shipments to Bolivia and Paraguay, the leading munitions firm of the country did keep the faith; for, instead of filling the order direct, it sent the order to its British branch to be filled. Now, if that isn't high principle, what is it? The same concern in one year during the World War declared a 100-percent dividend on its stock.

The Real Enemies of Society

SAYS the Sioux City *Journal*: "The real enemies of society are not found in the underworld. They are found in high places—what Theodore Roosevelt called 'the malefactors of great wealth' and what Washington Gladden called 'a race of plunderers more cunning and more powerful than ever before appeared in history, with great lawyers to aid them in their predatory schemes'."

Texas County Dominies See It Coming

IT IS a matter of common knowledge that the world is in its present condition because it has been mistaught. Big Business has taught that all the assets of the world should be put in its maw, and the common people held down to a bare subsistence. Only now is it discovering that the common people have no jobs, and when they have no jobs they have no wages, and when they have no wages they can buy nothing, and when they can buy nothing there is no business for anybody, big or little.

Big politicians have taught that by the route of battleships, bombing planes, torpedoes, tanks, flame throwers and poison gas, as well as cannons and machine guns, it is their duty to do the will of Big Business, regardless of what happens to anybody who gets in the way. Only now are they beginning to learn that when there is a big war, the side that wins the war loses its best customers, at home and abroad.

Big preachers have always taught that the governments of this world, including Japan, are parts of Christ's kingdom, and constitute the "higher powers" to which all should be subject. They therefore fall in line with every act of Big Business and big politicians, bless it, and do their best to sell it to the common people as a substitute for the kingdom which Jesus taught His disciples to pray for, 'Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth.'

Meantime a few people who have their eyes open, Jehovah's witnesses, continue to bear testimony to the truths of the Bible, that all present governments are part and parcel of Satan's empire, the same that he showed to Jesus, and which Jesus spurned when offered to Him. They bear testimony to God's purpose to replace all these institutions of men with a new and better organization of things at the hands of Him who testified, "I make all things new."

We are now living in the day when the shift from the old organization to the new is taking place. As the work progresses, the Scriptures show, some will discern the change of dispensation sooner than others, and among these there will be representatives of the clergy. Notice Zechariah 13:4, 5:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive: but he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle."

Something like this is taking place in Texas county, Oklahoma. One minister wrote to one of Jehovah's witnesses, asking him to look after his affairs if anything should happen to him; another resigned, ostensibly for a rest, and that in a business which consists in resting for a week at a time, with only a few minutes of work on Sundays. Still another resigned stating that he was going on a farm. Wise man.

Reverend R. L. Wells is not as wise. In a lengthy article in the *Texas County News* he wants the county put on a war basis, with the same old gang in control that has always been in control, and that is responsible for getting the country into its present predicament. The common people would be dressed in overalls, and all under 50 put under military rule.

Obviously, when such a plan goes into operation, the best place in it would be reserved for the Reverend Wells. No overalls and alarm clock for him. Not yet. But it will do him little good to think of the conditions of 1917-1918, when the preachers were using their churches as recruiting stations and hounding the young men out to kill one another, and when they were most honored and admired of men. They have had their day, and the wise ones are breaking for the long grass, while they can.

All Wrong to Make Sling Shots

MOST boys know how to make sling shots. All they need is the fork of a limb, two rubber bands, a little fish cord, and a small piece of leather. Thereafter birds, cats, dogs and window panes are more or less unsafe. Three little chaps in Kentucky had some of the materials for a sling shot. They needed the fork of a limb, and climbed a tree to get it. The tree was on the premises of the presiding elder of the Danville district of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The presiding elder fired at the boys, and they started to run. He called to them to stop. They kept running, and he fired twice more. The last time he fired the bullet entered the brain of twelve-year-old Mitchell Bailey and the poor little colored boy will never see again, though he still lives, more is the pity. A presiding elder is a "character-builder" on a big scale, and even a small-sized, one-horse character-builder knows that a little twelve-year-old colored boy ought not to make sling shots; and, besides, why have a gun if you never use it?

Friendly Home Visits with the Editor

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LAST Sunday afternoon we had an interesting experience. Having heard Judge Rutherford, whose announcements have been carried in *The Graphic* for years, by radio we were familiar with his work. But we wondered just what sort of folks could be found in an assemblage of "Jehovah's witnesses". So along about 2:30 we dropped in at 214 N. Franklin. A pleasant room with pictures on the wall, soft lights, a piano, comfortable chairs.

There was a small group, mostly women. A couple of workingmen, but the appearance of the average church-going crowd. Mrs. Agnes Wilcox, local representative for Judge Rutherford, introduced us to a tall, distinguished-appearing man with gray hair and a youthful face who told us that his home is in Saginaw, Mich., but that at present he is in Green City, from which point he is carrying on work for the man we were about to hear. "Brother Thompson is the name," he said.

Brother Thompson delivered a short set speech, evidently memorized. It explained that on July 30, 1933, Judge Rutherford had delivered an address in Plainfield, N. J., before 1,800 persons in defense of 56 of "Jehovah's witnesses" who had been thrown into jail for "speaking the truth" and distributing reading matter concerning Rutherford's work. The city was seething with excitement, and the theater was filled with armed policemen.

The introduction concluded, here came the voice of Judge Rutherford by electrical transcription. It filled the room, and one needed little imagination to visualize the scene. There was no passion, and little denunciation; rather the scholarly presentation of an able jurist summing up the evidence. Judge Rutherford was not molested, and the accused were released.

The room was quiet, the listeners attentive. Lulled by the steady flow of language, by warmth and quietness, a workingman nodded in his chair. But we have seen many a tired man sleep in church. At the lecture's close it was announced there would be a study period and all who desired might stay. Most of the audience did so. The service concluded with a hymn, a short prayer, and the announcement of services and a lecture by Judge Rutherford next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

It was interesting to learn that this remarkable man, Joseph Rutherford, was born and

reared in Boonville, Mo., practiced law and was elected to a judgeship in St. Louis, and gave up his important and lucrative position to carry on this work in which he is still engaged. His home now is in New York. The followers of Judge Rutherford believe that they are "Jehovah's witnesses" as set forth in the Scriptures, that we are living in the "last days" and that the present condition of the world and the World War is the work of his satanic majesty, the Devil. Most of us can agree with that. We were told that Rutherford's talks had been barred from the air in some foreign countries but were given by electrical transcription as they were here. An attempt is being made to bar Rutherford's talks by radio in this country; something we do not approve. Nor did we approve the efforts made to bar the militant Father Coughlin. Let us have free speech.

There is nothing of the fanatic about Kirksville followers of Judge Rutherford who style themselves "Jehovah's witnesses". They impressed us as being sincere, earnest people, and whether one agrees with them or not it is an interesting experience to attend one of the meetings. And most unusual: There is no collection.

Nova Scotia Clergyman Goes Straight

A CLERGYMAN of Debert, Nova Scotia, went straight recently. When found, he was bent a little, but not seriously. As soon as he decided to reform he lit out for New Brunswick, changed his name, and got work as a farm hand. An old pair of his trousers were found on a beach, and memorial services were held for him in the Baptist church of which he had been pastor for three years. When the police located him he lied at first, not wishing to disclose his real identity, but finally admitted that he had been a preacher, but insisted he was now leading an honest life. The prophet foresaw cases of this kind when he wrote: "But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth." (Zechariah 13:5) The fib which he told when located is explained on the ground that it is hard to break away from old habits long practiced in the pulpit. The man is now in a business where he is not apt to further dishonor God's name, and unless wanted back in Debert for some statutory crime he should be let alone.

Pathetic Attempts at Government

All Making the Same Kind of Submarines

THOSE who fear another world war may take heart. There is real brotherliness among all the principal armament-making nations; they are all using the same plans and specifications for making their submarines. The Electric Boat Company made the plans and the Vickers Armstrong Company made the submarines for Britain, Canada, Ireland and India; the Boat Company itself had a corner on business with the United States and Cuba; the Vickers Company passed the plans directly to Japanese, Dutch, Australian and Spanish munitions concerns; also German and Italian. What a comfort it will be, if war breaks out between these recent brothers in arms, for them to know when they are sent to the bottom that the plans were all alike, and everybody who could pay the price could get them! Various munitions firms in Europe paid the Electric Boat Company £800,000 in royalties for the privilege of using its plans.

Legislation by Typewriter

HENRY S. BRECKENRIDGE, assistant secretary of war in the Wilson administration, is unconvinced of the present millennium on the Potomac. He says:

"They have ground out more pages of rules, regulations, edicts, interpretations, pronouncements, than in all the statute books of all the Congresses from the time of the birth of the nation up to the beginning of this administration. They all have the power of law, and the maze and the pile of them has become so great that no lawyer can find his way among them and know what they mean. The one tangible result has been the discharge of many old civil service employees in the name of economy, and their replacement by a new and greater army of officials without the traditional requirements of civil service. This army is prying into everybody's business, meddling in every conceivable detail of our lives, and changing their policies so fast that by the time you think you know what they want you find that they want something else."

Price Raising Brings Results

THE effort to raise prices seems to be bringing results: in May, 1933, the average cost of relief per family was \$16; in October of the same year it was \$19; now it is \$23. Five million families are expected to be on the relief rolls by February, 1935. The effects of the drought are being felt; this winter will be one of the hardest in American history.

West Virginia Makes a Record

WEST VIRGINIA has made a record. It seems that in that state the government distributed \$110,926 in wheat, tobacco and corn-hog adjustments, and to accomplish this adjustment required a government expense of \$60,919. New Jersey's record was still greater. There it cost the politicians \$72,845 to distribute \$8,915. Rhode Island was the only state to make a perfect record. In that state the expense of distribution was \$12,233, and not one cent went to the farmers. Rhode Island is a very religious state. In that state the Roman Catholic bishop forced Judge Rutherford off the air, from two radio stations, and died suddenly from no known cause while he was yet relatively a young man.

Schall's Charges of Censorship

IN HIS open letter to the president, Senator Schall, of Minnesota, said of a so-called press censorship bill, which he claimed was introduced at the request of the executive, that by its terms the administration could have sent to prison for ten years a publisher not approved, and added: "Every government department under you is now cloaked in censorship. Almost every bill that has been forced through Congress by you has been in itself a little censorship, a little dictatorship, either giving blanket powers to you or to some of your left- or right-hand bowers."

\$10 for Each Slugging or Killing

REPORTS from Chicago are that union prices for slugging and killing are \$10; at least that is what one paymaster for such work reported. He admitted handling \$400 in this manner. One of the \$10 jobs resulted in a death. While the industry was going on 400 passengers on the Chicago Motor Coach Company line were injured by employees of the slugging corporation, which, in this instance, was an alleged labor union.

Placement of Disabled Veterans on Homesteads

THE government contemplates placing 10,000 disabled veterans of the World War on homesteads of three to five acres, in homes that will cost \$2,500 and may be amortized at \$15 per month, paying out in 15 years. The men will be carefully selected; they are all skilled artisans, disabled but competent to earn a living; unemployed but willing to work.

Dictators Use Brute Force

SAYS Senator William E. Borah:

"No one knows better than labor that in all these schemes of absolute government, of arbitrary power, such as fascism, Nazism, or communism, the soul of labor has been tortured, murdered, and that only enslaved, brute force remains—that back of all arbitrary governments are hunger and peonage for the average man and woman—that behind all Hitler's coveting power and promising freer days stands a Thyssen with his monopolistic schemes forging shackles for the toiler. There is no exception to the rule, and never has been, and, if we are to judge the future by the past, never will be, that when constitutional government has been destroyed and liberty has been denied or forfeited, labor becomes the victim of ambition on the one hand and the prey of greed on the other."

How a Prisoner Earned Parole

IT USUALLY costs \$1,500 to paint the inside of the dome of the Allegheny County (Penn.) prison. A prisoner did the job in three days, rigging up a sliding chair on two iron rods and having other prisoners pull him from point to point. As a reward he was given a parole. Two days later, in Bridgeport, Conn., a man out on parole asked to be recommitted to prison because he could not find work and did not wish to steal.

New York the Rendezvous for Thieves

NEW YORK has become the rendezvous for thieves, and they seem to be able to do about anything here that they please. Imagine the nerve of a young man entering the cashier's office of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, at Grand Central station, taking to himself \$11,000 in small bills and making his escape without leaving a trace. The young man was slightly nervous, for in his haste he overlooked another stack of \$12,000.

The Laws of the NRA

REFERRING to the New Deal, in merely one department, a report of the American Bar Association says: "One Federal administrative agency alone, the NRA, has been responsible for 10,000 or more pages of pronouncements, supposedly having the effect of law, in the period of one year, a total which greatly exceeds the volume of all Federal statutes now in effect (the Federal code contains 2,735 double-column pages)."

Mooney Denied Sight of Mother

TOM MOONEY's mother died in September, but, although the funeral cortège crossed to San Quentin to give Tom a chance to see it, he was kept in the kitchen and denied the privilege. Some might consider this small; but in this day civilization has descended to such unspeakable depths that nothing is small, nothing is mean, nothing is contemptible, nothing is unspeakable. Tom asked that his mother be buried as near the prison as possible, which was seven miles away, and, as there did not seem to be any way in which his request could be refused, it was done.

New Lawmaking Body in Illinois

A NEW lawmaking body has blossomed out in West Frankfort, Illinois. The Socialists claim that the chief of police of that little burg told them: "You can see the mayor, and the state's attorney and the sheriff, and if they give you a permit I'll stay at home; but you see the undertaker before the meeting, because you'll never make no more speeches." It is regrettable that this new and supremely powerful "lawmaking body" in West Frankfort uses poor grammar; but Fascist officials are like that.

Fascism Breaks Out in Georgia

IN GEORGIA, in September, 126 men and women, pickets in a textile strike, were arrested without warrants, and without trial and without counsel were herded into concentration camps with only the most primitive sanitary conveniences; their whereabouts were kept secret from their families, their lawyers and the press, and they were searched without warrant. National Guardsmen of the State of Georgia were used in these illegal arrests, made under orders of Georgia's Fascist governor.

Want an American Siberia

THE California Convention of the American Legion is said to have considered proposals for an American Siberia (in Alaska); to have wanted deportation proceedings transferred from the Department of Labor to the Department of Justice, and to wish 'treason in the second degree' made punishable by imprisonment up to 100 years. In this last proposition treason is defined as 'doctrine inimical to the state'.

The Townsend Plan

THE Townsend plan for straightening out the difficulties of civilization, and particularly the United States, was started by an elderly physician of Long Beach, Calif., and has now spread to forty-seven states. It is said to have collected more than two million signatures from persons who are willing to support it. The plan provides for the payment of \$200 a month to all persons over 60, which amount must be spent within thirty days. The system is intended to be financed by a sales tax. This scheme, it is estimated, would take eight million persons out of jobs and make room for unemployed persons of younger years, as well as adding \$2,000,000,000 a month to the country's purchasing power. Sinclair's proposal to pay \$50 a month to persons over sixty was not included in the state platform of the party backing him.

Norris Dam in Tennessee

NORRIS dam, in Tennessee, when completed, will form a lake with 800 miles of shore line. Some 2,000 families with homes in the lake area will have to be moved elsewhere; also, about 5,000 graves. It is intended to make similar dams in the Tennessee river watershed area, which includes portions of seven states. More than 11,000 men and women are working in the Tennessee valley for what is called the TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority), and 10,000 more are to be employed. Nine cooperatives have been launched, financed with government funds: fruit, berry and vegetable canning, seed potato cultivation, flour grinding, dairying, woodworking and handicraft textiles are the leading activities. All this is socialism, and nobody is seriously worried about it, or needs to be.

Beck Tired of Being a Rubber Stamp

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES M. BECK, of Pennsylvania, one of the ablest members in the House, says:

"I am retiring from Congress because it has largely ceased to be a deliberative body. The present Congress has not only unlawfully delegated to the president its chief legislative powers, but in respect to the more important emergency legislation it has denied to the minority any adequate opportunity to debate public questions or even to offer an amendment to proposed legislation. Under present conditions, Congress is merely a rubber stamp for the executive, and to be one four-hundredth part of a rubber stamp no longer appeals to me."

Federal Reserve System

A MILD gentleman in Texas, known as "Cyclone Davis", writes as follows in *The Ferguson Forum*, Austin, Texas:

"One of the charges that our fathers made against King George was that he had 'erected a multitude of new offices and sent swarms of officers to harass the people and eat up their substance'. Exactly so with these financial freebooters. They filled our land with corporation officers drawing salaries from ten to two hundred thousands a year. There are seven railroad robbers in New York that draw a combined salary of over six hundred thousand a year. Yet they go to Congress and get billions of the people's money to replenish the roads they have robbed and made bankrupt. There are at least five hundred Big Business buccaneers at the head of big banks and corporations that tax the people to pay an annual salary larger than the president of our country. There are a thousand officers uncontrolled by law, limited only by their inordinate greed, that draw more salary than a member of our Federal supreme court. These millionaire marauders are indeed our masters. Congress is either unwilling or unable to take us from under their despotic control."

The New Deal According to Schall

ACCORDING to Senator Schall, of Minnesota, "the farmers of the South were compelled to plow under ten million acres of cotton, for which they were paid. The money thus collected from the government, part of it, at least, was spent for fertilizer, which resulted in raising more cotton than was destroyed. While thousands of people are standing in the bread line, hungry and ill-clothed, we have killed six million pigs and destroyed crops in an effort to raise the price of products. Just how a man who is unable to buy a dozen eggs at 20 cents will be able to buy them when they are raised to 40c a dozen is not clear to the average mind. It is part of the inscrutable wisdom of the New Deal and can be understood only by the brain trust."

Disfranchisement Under Way

DISFRANCHISEMENT propaganda is under way. Twelve states are talking of disfranchising the common people that are on relief because they can no longer pay the interest on the bonds of the robbers that have grabbed the country. The leading newspaper of Chicago (millionaire-owned) has taken up the cudgels on behalf of the millionaires and against the people, as is to be expected.

Government Still Able to Borrow

THE government is still able to borrow what it needs. Late in August \$75,000,000 in 182-day treasury bills were oversubscribed five times, and yet the interest paid to the investors comes to only 0.22 percent per annum. Some bankers are now admitting that currency inflation is for the public good and that it is inevitably coming. One of them is alleged to have said recently, to Howard Vincent O'Brien, of the *Chicago Daily News*: "I don't see how we can maintain the present debt structure and at the same time make it possible for people to consume the goods for whose manufacture the debts were incurred. To put it briefly, the farmer can't buy new plows and pay his mortgage too; and the government can't support the unemployed by borrowing from the workers." Senator Schall, republican, of Minnesota, declares that inflation has already begun, and new greenbacks to the amount of \$150,000,000 have already left the government printing presses and are finding their way into circulation.

Governments Sell Death

UNDER the heading "Governments Sell Death", William Floyd, editor of *The Arbitrator*, says:

The government of the United States sent army and navy officers to South America to boost the business of selling munitions. . . . During the war the United States government permitted the Whitehead Company of Fiume, then under the Austro-Hungarian flag, to obtain American submarine patents, thus enabling Germany to perfect its U-boats that preyed on American shipping. . . . the Navy Department lent Commander Strong to Colombia in order to prepare that country for defense against Peru and boom sales of American munitions. . . . The United States War and Navy departments did all they could to enable the Driggs Company to sell anti-aircraft material to Turkey, sending the cruiser Raleigh to Istanbul to demonstrate the effectiveness of American guns. . . . It has been estimated that there was a profit of \$10,000 for someone for every soldier killed in the World War.

Hardware on the Decline

A DISILLUSIONED and forgotten man, giving his address as Box 125, Kenosha, Wis., is eager to swap his Croix de Guerre, distinguished service cross, purple heart and two Mexican border service medals for a steady job. If you want hardware for your manly breast, now is your chance.

Taxation

(With apologies to Denyer Post)

Tax the people, tax with care,
To help the multimillionaire.
Tax the farmer, tax his fowl,
Tax the dog and tax his howl;
Tax his hen and tax her egg,
And let the bloomin' mudsill beg.
Tax his pig and tax his squeal;
Tax his boots run down at heel.
Tax his horses, tax his lands;
Tax the blisters on his hands.
Tax his plow, and tax his clothes;
Tax the rag that wipes his nose.
Tax his house and tax his bed;
Tax the bald spot on his head.
Tax the ox and tax the ass,
Tax his "Henry", tax the gas;
Tax the road that he must pass,
And make him travel o'er the grass.
Tax his cow and tax the calf;
Tax him if he dares to laugh.
He is but a common man; so
Tax the cuss, just all you can.
Tax his bread and tax his meat;
Tax the shoes clear off his feet.
Tax the payroll, tax the sale,
Tax his hard-earned paper kale;
Tax his pipe and tax his smoke,
Teach him government's no joke.
Tax their coffins, tax their shrouds;
Tax their souls beyond the clouds.
Tax all business, tax the shop;
Tax their incomes, tax their stocks;
Tax the water, tax the air,
Tax the sunlight, if you dare.
Tax them all and tax them well;
Tax them to the gates of hell.
But close your eyes, so you can't see
The coupon clipper go tax free!

Managed Economy Does Not Work

MUSSOLINI has freely admitted in a lengthy public address that a planned economy does not succeed and he sees no way out but war. The Italian deficit since 1930 is 12,000,000,000 lire.

Anti-War Dance at Oregon University

AT THE University of Oregon 75 couples attended a dance in honor of their pledge: "I will not cross the boundary of another country to kill or destroy, nor will I support my government in so doing."

Some Reflections on Taxes

(By Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, admittedly America's best-governed city)

TAXPAYERS' leagues have sprung up or grown strong all over the country during the present depression. They demand a drastic reduction of federal, state and local taxes, and characterize the income tax as confiscatory. They condemn governmental waste and extravagance, speak vaguely of dispensing with useless services and consolidating boards and commissions, and demand salary slashes all along the line.

They claim that excessive taxation is draining the financial resources of our industries, curtailing production and preventing a return to prosperity. They oppose every attempt to make high incomes and inheritances pay a more just share of the cost of government, and propose to put into effect a sales tax which falls hardest on the common man.

Government had no share in causing the depression, but it has stood like the Rock of Gibraltar in this frightful time to save us the agonies of complete chaos. While banks failed, factories closed, shops went bankrupt and pyramided utilities collapsed, the government was expected to function, and did function, with more vigor and energy than ever before. All who were in distress flocked to their governments with outstretched hands. Few indeed were those who did not seek some kind of governmental assistance or subsidy. Even the geniuses of banking, insurance and railroads are not to be excluded. The farmers and the unemployed were depending on the government to save them from starvation and eviction.

The fact is that private business practically collapsed. It cuts its pay rolls to the tune of eleven billions of dollars a year—a sum greater than all the costs of the combined governments of the United States. Millions of people were thrown out of work and onto poor relief and yet the very men who profited most by governmental subsidies at the top were most active and instrumental in organizing the "cut cost of government" leagues throughout the country. It is the bigger interests in all communities that lead the assault on governmental services.

When banks, newspapers and business generally engage in wholesale bribery to avoid paying their just share of taxes, it is not surprising that we have grafting officials in cities like New York and Chicago. Private legitimate business has been the worst offender in corrupt-

ing government in order to obtain special privileges. It is notorious that newspapers which holler the loudest about government are often the biggest tax-dodgers in their cities. Colonel Robert McCormick's editorials and pamphlets about the cost of government make an interesting study compared with the *Chicago Tribune's* tax record.

Do we really want cheap government at any cost? Do we want to send our children to the cheapest school that employs the cheapest school teachers? Do we want firemen and policemen paid such low salaries that we may expect none but grafters and ignoramuses to man these departments? Do we want our public health services operated so cheaply that contagion and epidemics rage throughout our communities or that there is neglect in inspecting our food products, resulting in the poisoning of ourselves and our families? Do we want dangerous and broken streets, defective lighting, inadequate sewage disposal, no garbage collection? If the cheapest kind of government is what we really want, then we might expect important industries to migrate to small villages where there is little or no public service.

The per capita cost of sending a child to the public school is usually about one-half the cost of the same service in a private school. The same comparison can be made in practically all governmental services. This is true even where a charge is made against such services for the amount of taxes which such services should bear. Bad as some of our city governments are, you get more for your tax dollar than you do for any other dollar you spend.

Of course, we should not forget that a large share of city taxes could be met by public ownership of all public utilities. The average worker who owns a home pays more for light, gas and telephone service in a year than he does for taxes. If the cities owned these utilities, the tax bill could be cut all the way from 33½ to 100 percent. There are several score of cities and towns in the United States today where the entire cost of city administration is met by their publicly owned utilities. But, of course, the tax-dodgers aren't interested in promoting public ownership. They are always lined up with the big fellows because that's their gang.

The salary paid to the president of our local street railway and light company in 1931 was

\$96,000. This sum is more than the combined salaries of the mayor and 32 heads of departments in the government of Milwaukee.

At present there is no federal tax on estates under \$50,000, and the maximum tax is 45 percent on all estates over \$10,000,000. Some claim that this is exorbitant. We hold that no tax on inheritance is exorbitant. No person, or no entire family, has ever done anything even by present standards which would entitle them to receive \$10,000,000 without one bit of work. The right of inheritance is not an inherent constitutional right. It has been made by statute and custom, and obviously should be subject to the most drastic restrictions. This practice of the transmission of huge fortunes is a most antisocial one, and tax rates on inheritances and gifts should be kept at the absolute maximum. In its limited fashion this is one effective way to redistribute wealth.

It is a well known fact that the cream of our income is skimmed off in New York and vicinity. Obviously an income tax benefiting only New York is unjust, since the money is made all over the country. A far more equitable plan would be to have all income taxes levied by the federal government and rebated to states accord-

ing to their population and their needs. The state would be saved the expense of administering a separate income tax and would not have to worry about tax-dodgers, while every honest taxpayer would be benefited in that only one income tax return would be necessary and the tax would reach all fortunes, regardless of whether they were accumulated by land speculation, industry, or stock manipulation. This would eliminate those two American frauds, the Delaware corporation and the Florida official resident. It would enable each state to receive a share of the taxes in direct proportion to the expense incurred by these taxpayers.

On the Other Side of It

THE New York *American* calls sharp attention to the fact that expenses of federal, state and local governments for 1934 will amount to \$17,000,000,000, which is quite a little bit more than one-third of the national income. The *American* wonders that Americans are any longer willing to support so many governmental units, 182,839, all together, including states, counties, cities, towns, villages, boroughs, townships, school districts, and other divisions.

WHO SHALL RULE THE WORLD?

THE present rule of the world is unsatisfactory to all who desire good government. In every country there is much poverty, suffering, distress and perplexity. Are the rulers responsible therefor? It is written: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18) Will there soon be a change of world rule for the peoples' good? These questions will be clearly and satisfactorily answered

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